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Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen passes the Combined Forces Command flag to Gen. Walter L. Sharp. Sharp assumed command of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea during a change of command ceremony June 3 on Yongsan Garrison. Sharp succeeds Gen. B.B. Bell who is retiring after 39 years in the Army. — U.S. Army Photo By Sgt. 1st Class Horacio Lozano

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by Kenneth Fidler
USAG-Y Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA – Gen. Walter L. Sharp assumed command today of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, saying the U.S.-Republic of Korea Alliance will stay "flexible and powerful enough" to deal with any potential threats in the region.

"The ROK-U.S. Alliance is one of the most enduring in the world and remains the cornerstone of peace and stability in Northeast Asia," General Sharp said in his remarks after assuming command. "I look forward to the next chapter of this Alliance as we continue to increase our capabilities and strengthen our partnership."

General Sharp succeeded Gen. B.B. Bell, who took command in February 2006. General Bell is retiring after 39 years of Army service.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates presented General Bell with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal for his tenure as commander. He also presented General Bell's wife, Katie, with the Joint Distinguished Public Service Award.

"As he leaves Korea, General Bell leaves a USFK that continues to be ready to fight and prevail in any contest in this peninsular in support of our South Korean ally," Secretary Gates said.

Secretary Gates also praised General Bell for advancing the transition of operational control of Korean forces to the ROK military by 2012 and by promoting positive interaction between U.S. Servicemembers and Korean citizens through the Good Neighbor Program.

"Katie and I have had the most marvelous experience working and living in this great nation ... and spending such memorable times with all the special people who became such an important part of our lives," General Bell said. "We will always remember our time here with smiles on our faces and warmth and affection in our hearts."

General Bell described the U.S.-ROK relationship as "an enduring ally, a trusted friend. The ROK is a dynamic country with one of the largest economies in the

world. Its people are highly educated and proud of all they've achieved throughout their storied history. Korea has assumed its rightful place among the community of first world nations."

He also praised the efforts of both nations to their commitment to transferring operational control of ROK forces from the CFC to the future ROK Joint Forces Command in 2012.

General Sharp, coming to Korea from a tour as director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, said he will focus on maintaining readiness to deter aggression, strengthening the Alliance and continuing to improve quality of life for Servicemembers and families.

"This Alliance will continue to increase in capabilities – not only in the face of the North Korea threat but for regional and global peace and stability as well," General Sharp said.

"The United States and Republic of Korea will continue to develop and deploy the most modern weapon systems, continue to leverage rigorous training and exercise programs, and continue to adjust command relationships to take advantage of the tremendous leadership, organizational and weapons capabilities of the ROK and U.S. armed forces," he said.

Implementing longer, command-sponsored tours is another goal of the new commander, a program seeded by General Bell.

"Our goal is to rapidly reach the point when all U.S. Servicemembers can bring their families to Korea ..." General Sharp said. "The ROK is a great place to train and live. We will focus on safety, facilities and housing, schools and health care, jobs for spouses, a strong Good Neighbor program, and access to our families back in the U.S."

"Working together, we can make the Republic of Korea as the station of choice for U.S. Servicemembers and their families," General Sharp said.

Top Korean and U.S. defense officials who attended today's ceremony included Republic of Korea Defense Minister Lee Sang-hee, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen, and Pacific Command Commander Adm. Timothy Keating.

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All Army units in Korea to switch to one cell phone contract

by USAG-Y Public Affairs

August 1, 2008 is the target date set by the Regional Chief Information Office- Korea for all United States Army organizations on the Korean peninsula to adopt new procedures when procuring cell phones for government use.

“Before switching to this new procedure, there are a few things units will need to do,” said James Hancy, an information technology specialist in the Regional Chief Information Office-Korea.

“All battalion-level and above organizations will have to get a government purchase card that will be dedicated specifically to paying for the government cell phones.

“It can take up to three weeks for the GPC to come back to the unit, which is why we’re trying to get the word out as soon as possible,” Hancy added.

According to Hancy, units must use this dedicated GPC to handle all orders and payments pertaining to this new cell phone contract.

It will be prohibited to use the card to purchase anything unrelated to the contract.

The peninsula-wide Army implementation of this contract recently awarded by the 411th Contracting Support Brigade/United States Army Contracting Command Korea is intended to streamline the purchase of government cell phones as well as make bill paying easier.

“One of the advantages of this contract will be minute pooling. Each cell phone will be authorized 300 minutes and 30 text messages per month, continued Hancy. “All the unit’s cell phone minutes will be combined so it will be hard for the unit to exceed its allotted minutes. The same

process applies to text messages, also.”

Hancy also said the new contract will allow unit commanders to have an increased visibility on the cell phone invoices as well as monthly call validation reports. Potential cases of cell phone abuse will stand out on the call validation reports. This information will be available via a website, which makes it instantly accessible.

Rather than a one time purchase, the cell phones will be leased. All government cell phones will be procured through one contract to keep equipment cost to a minimum. At the end of the cell phone’s three-year life cycle, the user will exchange it for a new phone. The procedure is the same for repair or replacement, if needed.

While August is a few months away, according to Hancy it’s important that units

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Motorcycle Mentorship: Program expands riding safety tips



by Bob Van Elsberg
Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

The Army remains steadfast in its commitment to foster an environment of responsible motorcycle riding by providing Soldiers the education and tools to help prevent accidents and stay safe on the road.

One aspect of motorcycle safety, however, is often beyond riders’ control.

“We teach Soldiers the skills to ride safely and tell them what to wear to protect themselves physically but, unfortunately, we cannot protect them from distracted or inattentive motorists,” said Lt. Col. Roy Templin, driving task force chief, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics indicate motorcycle fatalities nationwide have more than doubled during the last 10 years. According to the Motorcycle

Safety Foundation, more than half of all fatal motorcycle accidents involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist is at fault.

To help educate non-motorcyclists, the MSF developed www.forcardrivers.com, a Web site designed for motorists to enhance traffic safety. The site offers tips such as, *Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles*, and provides video downloads to help car drivers learn how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

“This information helps build motorcycle awareness among the non-riding community and emphasizes the importance of sharing the road,” said Templin. “Teaching drivers to be more aware of motorcycle traffic is as important as Soldiers practicing safe riding skills and will ultimately save lives.”

For more information on the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign and Army’s Motorcycle Mentorship Program, visit <https://crc.army.mil>.

Word on the Street:

‘What’s your favorite day-trip destination in Korea?’



“It’s time to head out to the sea. I think Gwanganri is the best destination for a day-trip especially in summer. During the daytime you can enjoy swimming, and after sunset you will see the beautiful night-view of Gwangan Bridge.”

— Pfc. Ko Kyung-Pyo



“My favorite location on a day off is Ilsan Lake Park in Goyan City where I feed the ducks.”

— Pfc. Jong Chan Kim



“Someplace new. There is so much to discover that we don’t have in the States that every trip is a new adventure.”

— Mike Mooney



“Incheon, because it is near the sea with many things to see and various foods to enjoy. It has a famous market, the Sinpo Market, and Jayu (Freedom) Park.”

— Pfc. Shin Ho-sup

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begin planning for the new procedures as soon as possible.

“Units need to be aware that a new person will have to be appointed to oversee the unit’s cell phone government purchase card because only one card per person is allowed,” he said.

“Also, all appointed GPC holders have to attend mandatory training given by the 411th CSB/USACCK before receiving the card, he added. GPC training dates and times for all Areas throughout the peninsula is available at <https://8army.korea.army.mil/specialstaff/CCK/GPC/default.aspx>. Contact Mr. Robert Rivera at 724-6311 or

via e-mail at robert.rivera5@us.army.mil for more information on training.

Although the procurement process involves big changes for the organizations, this will all be transparent to the cell phone customers. To utilize the contract, customers will submit a requirement document through their Information Management Officer and Area Department of Information Management, just as they’ve always done.

For more information on the new cell phone contract, contact James Hancy at 723-4932 or via e-mail at james.hancy@us.army.mil.

Officials urge use of new bus service between K-16, USAG Humphreys

USAG-Y Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan officials encourage Servicemembers and families to use a new bus service between K-16 Air Base and U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys that began in April.

The dedicated service runs Monday-Friday twice a day, operating from the K-16 bus stop at Bldg. T-253 and USAG-Humphreys Commercial Bus Terminal. The schedule is posted at the stops.

The idea of the bus service came about

from a USAG-Yongsan community visit in 2007 by then-U.S. Forces Korea Commander Gen. B.B. Bell.

"The emphasis was to improve quality of life for Servicemembers and families at K-16," said Lydia Grohmann, USAG-Yongsan director of logistics. "Before, they would have to take a shuttle bus to Yongsan Garrison and then get on another bus to Humphreys. Doing that meant Soldiers and families spending more than time than necessary on the bus."

‘AW2 Advocate’ is new name for Wounded Warrior Program local representatives

Special to The Morning Calm

The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program is proud to announce the new name for its local representatives, AW2 Advocate, replacing the former name of Soldier Family Management Specialist. AW2 Advocate was selected because it better describes the comprehensive role these individuals have in assisting and advocating for severely wounded Soldiers and their Families.

Upon entrance into the AW2 Program, each AW2 Soldier is assigned to an AW2 Advocate, to personally assist them and their Family. There are more than 75 AW2 Advocates located at or near military installations across the country. AW2 Advocates serve Soldiers and Families in a variety of ways, including working with them to obtain full benefits, educational opportunities, and financial and career counseling, as well as helping those who want to stay in the Army and continue their service.

“Our AW2 Advocates are truly champions for our Soldiers. They personally connect with Soldiers and Families, supporting them in countless ways, for as long as it takes,” stated Col. Jim Rice, director of the Army Wounded Warrior Program.

AW2 assists and advocates for the most

severely wounded Soldiers by providing individualized support, throughout their lifetimes, wherever they are located – regardless of their military status. AW2 assists the unique population of Soldiers who have, or are expected to receive, an Army disability rating of 30% or more in one of several specific categories.

Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, an AW2 Soldier, spoke about his experience with the program, “AW2 has been there for me and my wife throughout my recovery, addressing all of our needs. The support of my AW2 Advocate has been invaluable and she has made sure that I’m taken care of. I trust her to look out for me.”

All wounded Soldiers are assigned to a Warrior Transition Unit to focus on their recovery. Soldiers in a WTU receive focused support from the triad of care: a primary care manager, nurse case manager and military squad leader.

Those Soldiers with extensive medical needs are simultaneously assigned to the Army Wounded Warrior Program and receive a local AW2 Advocate to assist long term.

For more information on this program, including a list of specific AW2 Advocates and their contact information, visit AW2’s website at <https://www.AW2.army.mil> or call 1-800-237-1336.

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MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not imply guilt or innocence.

AREA I: Assault Consummated by a Battery; Victim #1 and person(s) unknown were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical when the unknown male struck Victim #1 in the left lower jaw with a closed hand at a bar and grill in Dongducheon. Upon arrival of MP, the unknown male could not be located or identified. Victim #1 was transported to the TMC where he was treated for a laceration to the left lower jaw, which required sutures, and was released. Victim #1 was transported to the USAG-Casey PMO where he rendered a written sworn statement attesting to the incident.

AREA I: Traffic Accident without Injuries; Damage to Government Property; Damage to Private Property; Failure to Judge proper Clearance; Subject #1, operating a GOV, while attempting to make a left turn, struck Victim #1's POV which was legally parked, secured and unattended in Dongducheon-Si. Damages to Subject #1's vehicle consisted of scratches to the rear left fender. Damages to Victim #1's vehicle consisted of the front left side mirror being shattered. Further investigation revealed Subject #1 failed to judge the distance between his vehicle and Victim #1's vehicle and did not make a wide enough turn. KNP were notified and titled Subject #1 with KRTL ART #48 (Unsafe Driving). Subject #1 was released into MP Custody on a CJ Form 2. Subject #1 is pending administrative determination of international hold. Subject #1 reported utilization of his seatbelt. ECOD is unknown.

AREA II: Traffic Accident without Injuries; Fleeing the Scene of a Traffic Accident; Failure to Judge Proper Clearance; Damage to Government Property; Damage to Private Property; Subject #1, operating a GOV, failed to judge proper clearance while making a left turn and struck Victim #1's POV which was legally parked, secured and unattended at the parking lot adjacent to BLDG #4034. Damages to Subject #1's vehicle consisted of scratches, paint transfer and dents to the left rear quarter panel. Damages to Victim #1's vehicle consisted of scratches and paint transfer to the right rear quarter panel. Subject #1 then fled the scene of the traffic accident without reporting to MP. Subject #1 later reported to the USAG-Yongsan PMO where he was advised of his legal rights, which he waived, but did not render a written sworn statement. Subject #1 was processed and released to his unit. ECOD is unknown.

AREA III: Shoplifting; Subject #1 was observed by Witness #1 via CCTV, altering a 25% off price tag by placing a 50% off price tag on a shirt and altering the original price on a pair of pants by placing a 50% off price tag on the pants. Subject #1 then exited the PX without rendering the proper payment for the items. Subject #1 was detained by Witness #1 and escorted to the security office. Upon arrival of MP, Subject #1 was searched, apprehended, and transported to the USAG-Humphreys PMO where she rendered a Korean national statement admitting to the offense. Subject #1 was processed and released to her sponsor. Witness #1 rendered a written sworn statement attesting to the offense. The merchandise was released back to AAFES. Subject #1's RCP was retained. Estimated cost of the items is \$40.



Grand Buddhist Mass: For the commemoration of the 58th anniversary of Korean War and of the Patriots and Veterans' Month (June), the Military Buddhist Association of Korea (President, GEN Kim Tae Young) is holding Grand Buddhist Mass to cherish the memories of fallen heroes and wish their peaceful reborn in Buddhist paradise. The event will be held on 8 June at 10 a.m. in War Memorial Plaza, and everyone is welcome to attend. In this year's event, we will pray for heroes and heroines who made noble sacrifice in Korean War, Vietnam War, West Sea Engagement and the Peace Keeping Operations in Somalia, East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan, and others. This grand ceremony will pray not only for Koreans but also for U.S. fallen soldiers along with other allies who participated as UN Force. There will be three Parts in the event. In Part 1, we will have Chundo Ritual such as tea giving, wreath laying and temple offering. Part 2 will be a memorial service such as Prajma-Paramit-Sutra, moment of silence and memorial song. Finally, there will be many Buddhist festivals in part 3 consisting of buddhist meals, honor guard demonstration, band performance and giving out family precept in calligraphy. In this meaningful ceremony, where we cherish the memories of fallen soldiers around the world, we sincerely hope that there will be many USFK participants along with other Buddhist followers. If you would like to participate, please contact Maj Choi, Mun Ju at DSN 723-3579.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS: Current events and activities

Art in Bloom (Through June 15)

This gallery exhibition is an outdoor installation held in the garden of Seoul Museum of Art. In the honor of May, 'the month of family,' this exhibition has been prepared so that families can freely appreciate art in an outdoor exhibition space. This year's theme is "Gulliver's Travel to the Gallery". The exhibit includes works of Bourdelle, a world renowned sculptor. Three dimensional works allow visitors to appreciate art from various perspectives.

This exhibition aims to provide visitors with the fun to appreciate works as if they look into the world of children, and travel as in Gulliver's Travels—many pieces are large scale and offer a whimsical view of the world. The lessons of fairy tales are not limited to children. This fairy tale makes us ponder over the meaning of truth, honor, justice, humility, tolerance, courage, and love through the keen satire of the injustice in the world of adults. That is why the fairy tale, Gulliver's Travels, is presented in association with this exhibition in hope that we can expand the scope of our thinking on objects. All visitors become explorers in this exhibition. Just as Gulliver talks about his experiences in the world of little men and the world of giants, artists satirize and represent the reality of this society with their imagination. The artists humorously depict the scenes in our world leading us to the world of imagination. For more information, visit www.tour2korea.com or www.seoulmoa.org

Sand Fest (This Weekend)

Haeundae Sand Festival is held on the white sands of Haeundae beach in Busan. The festival will open with a fireworks display. At Haeundae Sand Festival, there are many programs prepared for families and friends to enjoy together. Contests and programs such as sand drawing, sandbag stacking and clay sculpting will be on-hand. There will be a marathon race at the white sand beaches and a golf long distance tournament in which participants see how far they can hit their golf balls. The marathon race and the golf tournament event have separate entry fees. A concert will be performed each day of the festival. Visitors to the beach can also

partake in sand sculpting events, creating art for all beachgoers to enjoy. One of the highlights of Haeundae Sand Festival is experiencing a hot sand bath in which participants lie down on the sand and are buried from head to toe in wet sand. A hot sand bath, which is wonderfully effective for health and beauty is also available. For more information, visit www.tour2korea.com

Dano Fest (Through June 11)

The Gangneung Dano Festival in Gangwon-do is a long-running traditional festival that celebrates Dano (the fifth day of the 5th month according to the lunar calendar). This day, together with the New Year and Chuseok, is one of the major holidays in Korea. The festival is a combination of various shamanist and memorial rituals along with some traditional games. During the festival, visitors can swing on a traditional Korean swing or make a traditional Korean mask. Other attractions include mask dances, and pungmullori (Korean traditional folk music). The first day of the event is marked by a spectacular memorial parade of 5,000 people across downtown Gangneung. During the festival, visitors can also watch the Gwanno mask drama, the nation's only pantomime drama, together with the Gangneung Dano's shamanist ritual. Special hands-on programs include playing on traditional Korean swings and Korean wrestling, washing one's hair in changpo (iris) water and eating surichwi rice cakes. In the Nanjang market outside the Dano Cultural Center, visitors can enjoy a farmers' music contest, games, and circus performances. This market is the largest temporary market in Korea offering items from all over the nation. Be sure to try some yeot (Korean taffy) at the taffy stand. The Gwanno mask drama, which can be seen only during the Gangneung Dano Festival, is Korea's only pantomime drama about a local deity and a unique art form preserving the originality of Korea's mask drama. Originally, the mask drama was a pantomime performed by government servants who played a yangban (nobleman), a gaksi (bride), and other characters. Since there is no dialogue, everyone can easily relate to the drama. Visit www.tour2korea.com or www.danojefestival.or.kr (English).



A Soldier posing as a terrorist is arrested by Military Police after being caught in connection with the detonation of an Improvised Explosive Device outside the snack bar during Camp Stanley's anti-terrorism Force Protection Exercise, May 30.— U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Alun Thomas

Stanley tests anti-terrorism force protection

by Spc. Alun Thomas
USAG-RC Public Affairs

CAMP STANLEY— The safety of Camp Stanley was tested during the annual force protection Exercise May 30, with a variety of scenarios enacted to ensure the camp is protected in case of terrorist attacks.

Soldiers involved in the exercise had to react to such activities as Improvised Explosive Device attacks, insurgents attempting to illegally enter the camp with explosives, searching vehicles, and identification cards at check points located through the camp.

Capt. Heine Nzumafo, 304th Signal Battalion, S-3, said the goal of the exercise was to improve on the last one by placing Soldiers under devised situations to test their reactions to the consequences.

"Soldiers need to watch out for suspicious activities on which they have been briefed," said Nzumafo. "They need to watch for a vehicle that has been reported missing and North Korean soldiers trying to break through perimeters. The third thing is a former United States soldier who defected to North Korea and is capable of breaching security."

Nzumafo said security levels would be raised accordingly throughout the exercise, based on the level of threat from the incidents.

"The commander's intent is to be able to protect families, civilians and military personnel on Camp Stanley," Nzumafo said. "We also want to protect equipment and classified information, so this is an

important exercise."

Sgt. 1st Class Branden Hiatt, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 304th SB, said it was important all Soldiers involved in the FPEX check all ID cards thoroughly to prevent attacks.

Hiatt said during a practice run before the start of the actual exercises two Korean Augmentation Troops to the United States Army had swapped ID cards and gone through the main security gate undetected.

"We have to make sure the Soldiers at the gates are doing the right thing and checking everything," Hiatt said. "It's one of the most important parts of the exercise."

Soldiers dressed in civilian clothes tried to pass through security with a bag containing an IED, before they were searched and denied entry into the base.

"The security did an excellent job at that gate," Hiatt said. "They apprehended the threat before it could materialize."

Soldiers were briefed to watch for the stolen vehicle and informed of its appearance so those patrolling the main gate would be quick to search the vehicle and question the inhabitants.

The vehicle was apprehended and searched, but Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Neely, 304th SB, posing as the US soldier who had defected to North Korea, escaped security and ran before being apprehended by Military Police after changing clothing to avoid detection.

An IED placed in the vehicle went undetected and an artillery round was set off by Hiatt to display the impact of the IED.

Two soldiers were used as mock casualties to enable the Soldiers on guard to react to the explosion and the injured victims of the IED.

The last scenario saw another IED explosion take place outside the snack bar near the Warrior Readiness Center, where three soldiers were sitting and eating, were instructed by Hiatt they were all dead, having been in close proximity to the explosion.

Hiatt informed those patrolling the area to form a perimeter sealing off the scene of the explosion after the initial blast went unrecognized for several minutes.

Lt. Col Alfred Francis, 304th SB commander, said during the After Action Review the exercise went a lot better than the walkthrough a day earlier.

"We've come a long way in a short period of time," Francis said. "There are still a lot of things to work on and the Soldiers at this installation need to understand when we go to different security levels it means you can't stand around laughing and joking and need to have their minds focused."

Francis said young Soldiers need to be told what their mission is and why they are doing it; otherwise they will not pay attention to detail and lose focus.

"Let's get these Soldiers involved and educated, because an educated Soldier is a very thoughtful Soldier, especially with a weapon in their hand," Francis said. "If they are more educated, they are of more value to us."

Francis thanked all those responsible for coordinating the exercise for doing a good

job adding that vehicle inspections needed to be worked on, simply because it is not something most Soldiers do every day.

"Those are the sorts of things we need to work on, but we will get better and I really appreciate what I saw today," Francis said. "It tells me that the Army community here at Camp Stanley is in good hands."



Soldiers are treated for injuries suffered in a mock Improvised Explosive Device explosion during Camp Stanley's Force Protection Exercise, May 30, aimed at testing the camp's security in case of a terrorist attack. — U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Alun Thomas

News & Notes

USAG-Red Cloud to Host Town Hall Meeting

Col. Larry 'Pepper' Jackson, USAG-RC commander, will host a workforce town hall meeting June 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Briefing is at the USAG-Casey Digital Conference Center. For more information call: 732-6034.

ACAP Counselor Position Vacancy

ACAP counselors provide direct ACAP services to transitioning military personnel, Army civilians, and their family members. Position requires a Master's Degree or equivalent and two years experience. For more information call: 730-4033.

Substance Abuse Training Classes

Substance Abuse training is scheduled for June 19 for Part I Substance Abuse and Role of the Supervisor, from 1-2:30 p.m. in building 58. June 20 for Part II Risk Reduction and Substance Abuse/Urinalysis Testing and Role of the Supervisor/Role of EAP from 1-2:30 p.m. Make up date will be conducted June 27. Please note this will be the final training for USAG-RC in fiscal 2008. For more information call: 730-4006.

Spouses Orientation Program Schedule

The Spouses Orientation Program dates are always scheduled for every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at USAG-Casey and every 3rd Tuesday at USAG-RC. Scheduled dates for June are June 10 and 17 at USAG-Casey and June 24 at USAG-RC. This is a mandatory brief. For more information call: 732-5883.

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2009 Presidential Inauguration

Army is looking for 200 Volunteer Reserve Component Soldiers (USAR, TPU, IMA, IRR, ARNG, or Retiree Recall) that want to volunteer to support the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC. Sourcing this event at 100 percent is a top priority. For more information contact creighton.larson@conus.army.mil

HQ IMCOM Centralized Mentoring Program

Be a mentor, help develop well-rounded managers at the mid or senior level by grooming high potential employees to assume higher levels of responsibilities. Mentees from GS-11—13. For more information call: 732-9063.

Community Bank Schedule for June

All Community Banks will be closed June 6 for Korean Memorial Day. Camp Stanley Community Bank will be closed June 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. for training day. Camp Hovey Community Bank will be closed June 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for training day. USAG-Casey Community Bank will be closed June 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for training day. USAG-RC Community Bank will be closed June 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. for training day. For more information call: 721-7792.

Patriot Family Salutes the Military Spouse Calendar 2009

Essay competition for Military Spouse calendar 2009 will run to July 28. All entries can be submitted online to patriotfamily@aafes.com. Twelve winners will be selected for \$500 shopping spree. For more information call: 732-6263.

For more news, and up-to-date information log on to USAG-RC garrison website: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area1/sites/local/>



Chris Bradford, USAG-RC FMWR business operations manager, inspects future improvements to be completed in USAG-RC in the near future. — U.S. Army Photo By Jim Cunningham

MWR community ops officer wins Carroll Award 2007

by Jim Cunningham
USAG-RC Public Affairs

USAG-RED CLOUD—Chris Bradford, Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation community operations officer USAG-RC, is the James A. Carroll award winner for excellence in management in 2007. Bradford learned of his selection for the prestigious award April 30. Reasons for Bradford's nomination became the very reasons he was selected.

"Bradford was selected for his stellar performance as the business operations manager," said Denise James, FMWR director USAG-RC. "Bradford is a great leader, amazing communicator and highly skilled business manager. He knows how to motivate teams to success."

Bradford is not a stranger to Carroll awards.

"Bradford's ability to translate the desires of community members into tangible programs and services is reflected in his oversight of back-to-back Carroll award winners in the last two years," James said.

"For me personally it is rewarding at any time to be recognized for performance at this level," Bradford said. "This is validation we are going in the right direction with our programming."

Bradford guided improvements in services, increased visibility of programs, and provided customer service training to enhance FMWR programs, which are key to the success witnessed in the community.

"This is a team award," Bradford said. "We share it with all the managers and business programs including command and all the teams within FMWR. The customers supported the programs, command endorsed the programs, and a great team of passionate and talented managers came together to make us all look good."

Many of the improvements to FMWR facilities featured atmosphere changes, James said.

"Some of the many improvements one can visibly see when they walk into USAG-RC business facilities," James said. "Our facilities are attractive and clean; they are young adult centric, where they were previously said to be like regular old restaurants; the menus are attractive and provide the desired

foods for our younger audiences."

Teamwork made the quality improvements possible in 2007, Bradford said.

"Teamwork and a keen focus on the end result is what made our improvements possible in 2007," Bradford said. "Delivering quality programs that are customer driven is key. As long as we are listening to our customers, soliciting feedback and monitoring ongoing programs and tweaking programs that need it, all these things brought everything together for 2007. We are delivering programs and services, meeting the needs of our customers, so financial results follow."

The star of innovative programming in 2007 was Texas Hold'em tournaments, Bradford said.

"Texas Hold'em is what our customers want," Bradford said. "Three years ago we produced a Texas Hold'em tournament for the first time. It was unprecedented in USAG-RC, people had Casino Nights and Poker Nights and other similar programs in Army posts, but a Texas Hold'em tournament, such as the popular game featured on ESPN television, was never attempted."

The key to the success of the Texas Hold'em tournaments was getting in touch with the Soldier and finding what he wants, Bradford said.

"The Soldiers were playing online and watching the game on ESPN," Bradford said. "It is the most popular form of poker."

Bradford made sure his employees, to include managers, were trained to a high level of competence, James said.

"Bradford had all managers who demonstrated financial and program success presented with certificates and appropriate cash awards at monthly managers meetings," James said. "He themed his training 'back to the basics.'"

In 2007 I challenged my managers with 'back to the basics' training, Bradford said. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in managing we forget the basics. I challenged all the managers to go back and look at the individual employee's performance and development plans, and make sure we are taking care of customers and doing the right thing every day.

"Training is a way of life in USAG-RC,"

James said. "Bradford keeps his staff as current as resources and his time allow."

In the past, USAG-RC was noted for having the most facilities on the Army's performance improvement plan, James said.

"We had the undesired distinction as the Army's biggest loser," James said. "Camp Stanley's Reggie's Club was losing the most money for the Army."

Bradford's business acumen enabled him to get to the heart of the problem, and make improvements that are needed to make a loser a recognized winner.

"Our biggest loser is now transformed and has reinvented itself under Bradford's leadership," James said. "The facility is very attractive, clean, and customer friendly. Wireless Internet is available throughout the facility with high tech, large screen televisions mounted throughout the facility. Tommy's bar, inside Reggie's Club, is being called 'the hot spot' on the peninsula. It has the only multiplayer online gaming system in Korea, pool tables, darts, a full-service bar, periodic complimentary snacks, and periodic volunteer disc jockeys."

There were several facilities on Installation Management Command's watch to be closed if they continued to lose money. Bradford put his shoulder to the wheel and turned them around.

"We had quite a few facilities that were actually struggling financially in 2006 and 2005 when I first took this position," Bradford said. "There was a watch list at IMCOM of facilities losing money and were subject to being closed. During 2007, we were able to take every single one of those facilities off the list of losers. We guided them to success and on the way Avelina Richardson, manager of the Gateway Club, earned a Carroll award."

All of the garrison facilities have benefitted from facelifts, customer service improvements, furnishings and improved menus, James said. Mitchell's and the Gateway Club have had more dollars invested in those areas than in most facilities, so greater changes are evident at first glance. One notable change in this facility is the menu Bradford designed after Soldiers told him they were tired of the menu and they wanted food which is fast and fun.



More than 30 members of the Catholic Church Green Choir performs for Memorial Day Mass and a concert to send Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Greschel a farewell salute during Memorial Day Mass May 23. — U.S. Army photo by Jim Cunningham

Concert Choir salutes Father Mark in farewell

by Jim Cunningham
USAG-RC Public Affairs

USAG-RED CLOUD—Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Greschel bid farewell to USAG-RC May 23 presiding over Memorial Day Mass and a very special Memorial Day concert by the Green Choir. The farewell featured not only the concert by the choir but a barbeque.

"This event is my farewell to Korea," Greschel said. "I will be flying back to the States June 1. I will be the hospital Chaplain in San Antonio, Tx., so I will be taking care

of the wounded Warriors as they come back to the States."

"One of our choir members is a member of the Green Choir," Greschel said. "I remember we were sitting around and someone suggested we have the Green Choir come for today's Mass and perform a concert."

The choir performed for half an hour after the Mass, singing religious favorites and ending with gospel selections.

"The Green Choir comes from a Catholic Church in Seoul," Greschel said. "The members are from many of the various

Parish choirs. More than 60 come together to form the Green Choir. There are no professional vocalists in the choir, they are all volunteers. The choir today was more than 30 of the members, so it was about half the size it is for a Sunday service."

"When I do inprocessing and out processing briefings at the Warrior Readiness Center, I always tell the Soldiers coming in, Korea is a beautiful place, the people are wonderful, warm and very friendly. You are doing yourself a disservice if you do not get out and make contact with the Korean people and get to know them."



Chaplain (Major) Carol Highsmith (left) and Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Greschel enjoy a barbeque luncheon provided by Mitchell's Club May 23 after Memorial Day remembrance ceremonies and to salute Greschel's farewell. — U.S. Army photo by Jim Cunningham

2ID Band Concert on Village Green entertains Warriors



Chief Warrant Officer William Brazier, 2ID Band conductor, conducts the band during a medley of songs from the musical 'Grease', as part of the Concert on the Green, May 29, at USAG-RC Village Green. — U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Alun Thomas

by Spc. Alun Thomas
USAG-RC Public Affairs

USAG RED CLOUD —The 2nd Infantry Division band entertained Soldiers and civilians alike with a variety of different musical selections during the Concert on the Green, May 29, at the Red Cloud Village Green.

The event was hosted by the Eighth Army Deputy Command Chaplain, Lt. Col. Charles Jackson.

The 2ID Band played songs ranging from popular movies to contemporary rock, with a performance also from a local mixed choir made of Soldiers from USAG-RC.

"On behalf of General Morgan and the division chaplain's office, welcome to the first concert on the green," Jackson said during the opening remarks. "The focus of this event is to welcome the young Soldiers from the Warrior Readiness Center here tonight and show them Korea is a great assignment."

A meal was provided for the first 200 people in attendance, supplied by Mitchell's Club.

A raffle for the WRC Soldiers followed, with four Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificates donated by AAFES as prizes.

Following the Korean and American national anthems, Chief Warrant Officer William Brazier, 2ID band conductor,

introduced the band and the numbers they would be performing during the concert.

Brazier said the band would play songs from well known movies such as 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and 'Grease'.

After the 2ID band left the stage for a brief break, the choir performed several gospel songs for the audience followed by the rock band section of the 2ID Band who performed with Spc. Lance Denson on vocals.

Jackson said having the newly arrived Soldiers from WRC provided the inspiration to hold the concert.

"I am very humbled by the presence of these young Soldiers," Jackson said. "For whatever reason you chose to sign up during a time of war and I'm sure when you went home and told your friends what you did they thought you were an absolute idiot. You made the right decision and I'm glad you're here."

Jackson said the concert was a treat for the audience, adding the 2ID band is one of the best in the entire United States Army.

"Tonight we were impressed and blessed," Jackson said. "This was a great time for people to enjoy the band. There was also an orphanage here with 40 young orphans having a great time."

"For those new to the Army this is the way we do things. This is the way it's supposed to be."

'Katie Bell Bookshelf' dedicated at library

by Kenneth Fidler
USAG-Yongsan

YONGSAN GARRISON — Katie Bell's dedication to children's reading programs and family readiness programs will be remembered by everyone who visits the Yongsan Library.

U.S. Forces Korea and Installation Management Command-Korea officials unveiled the Katie Bell Bookshelf May 30 to honor Mrs. Bell's commitment to military families and their children.

"Katie Bell has been passionately dedicated to children's education and specifically children's reading programs," Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Fil Jr., USFK Chief of Staff and 8th U.S. Army Commanding General, told the crowd gathered at the dedication ceremony. "She has had a personal and direct impact on many young minds and lives. I know there are a great many children on this post and other posts around the world who remember the sound of Ms. Katie's voice reading a story and awakening their love of reading and knowledge."

It was a fitting surprise parting gift as she prepared to leave Korea Tuesday with her husband, Gen. B.B. Bell, former commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Bell is retiring after 39 years in the Army.

"I am so overwhelmed," she told the crowd of about 50 USFK and IMCOM-K staff members, spouses, friends and school children. "This just blows me away. The best gift you can give your children ... walking



Local children's book author Diane Lindsey, left, presents to Katie Bell and Gen. B.B. Bell the first children's book to be donated to the new Katie Bell Bookshelf at the Yongsan Library. — U.S. Army Photo By Kenneth Fidler

through the door of the library, it opens the world to children."

She grew up an avid reader, cherishing the days she could visit the library.

"My mother took us to the library every Tuesday," she said. "We could take five books home I couldn't wait to go the next Tuesday. Reading is a passion for me."

The bookshelf establishes a central location for Family Readiness Group reference materials and new children's books.

IMCOM-Korea has received more than 1,960 books for FRGs throughout Korea under the auspices of the Army Family Covenant, a program dedicated to providing families with the programs and resources necessary to ensure a high quality of life across the force.

This event also served to establish a donation program whereby patrons of the library can donate quality children's books to the collection or appropriate family readiness and family-focused reference

materials, on the Bells' behalf.

Part of the ceremony included the first children's book donated to the collection, a book General Bell read during the 2007 Children's Summer Reading Program. The book was written Diane Lindsey, whose husband, Walter Cade, is the general manager of Yongsan's Main Post Club. Mrs. Lindsey and the Bells signed the book before placing it on the shelf.

"You all just touched my heart so much," Mrs. Bell said.

School reading teams match wits at annual 'battle of books' contest

by Pvt. Choi Keun-woo
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — "What common, everyday tool was introduced to Korea by King Chu-mong?"

"Who was the last King of America?"

The answers — chopsticks and King George the 3rd — might not be common

knowledge for many of us, but 24 fifth and sixth graders can answer them in no time.

These were just a couple of the 50 questions reading teams from Seoul American Elementary School and Seoul American Middle School took on as they matched reading comprehension wits May 22 at the third annual Battle of the Books competition.

After 45 minutes of intense question-and-answer sessions, the sixth graders emerged victorious with a four-point edge on the fifth graders, 24-20.

"Although today's event was a competition, I think it also represents the close cooperation between the two schools," said Darrell Mood, Seoul American Middle School principal. "In my book, both teams are winners. I'm proud of all of you."

Preparation for the contest started at Christmastime, with each student being assigned a book to study and know in great detail. Each contestant had to read 10 books, eight fiction and two non-fiction.

"It was a big commitment to read all the books," said Kris Yoho, SAES librarian. "We tried to pick books that would appeal to their interest and reading levels. They read books they probably would not have read otherwise."

This event is based on a nationwide reading incentive program with similar contests held at schools across America.

"We thought it might be a fun way, too, to bring the fifth graders to compete against their schoolmates from last year," Yoho said.

"The kids really came through and read all the books," added Neata Wiley, SAMS librarian.



(From left) Grace Howard, Barbara Kempton, Joseph Pak-Blyzniuk and David Han, members of the Seoul American Elementary School fifth grade team, talk over an answer at the third annual Battle of the Books competition. — U.S. Army Photo By Pvt. Choi Keun-woo

AAFES hopeful taxi service resumes soon

YONGSAN GARRISON — Yongsan Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials announced Monday that a solution to providing full-time taxi service may be drawing nearer.

Taxi drivers with Arirang World Cup Ltd. have been on strike since April 22 due to labor negotiations with its management.

Since then, a secondary company has been providing limited taxi service at taxi stands. In addition, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan has increased its shuttle bus service to every 15 minutes during peak periods.

"It appears that World Cup management is unable to come to a resolution with its drivers; therefore, AAFES has put World Cup on notice that they must return to full operation immediately or face further contract administration that may result in contract termination," said Shawn Dorcy, AAFES general manager.

If necessary, AAFES will procure services with another company as soon as possible, Dorcy said.

"While the interruption in service may continue for now, it is hoped that within the next 30 to 45 days, AAFES will have more taxis -- up to 150 -- in place to service the needs of its customers," Dorcy said.

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News & Notes

Army Birthday Celebration at CDC

To celebrate the Army's 233rd birthday, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan Commander Col. Dave Hall will read a new book published by Army Youth Services to children at the Yongsan Child Development Center 9:30 to 11 a.m. June 13. The book is designed to help children better understand Army history and their role in the greater Army family. A cake-cutting will follow the reading. From 11-11:45 a.m., the commander will join fathers of children who attend the CDC in a Father's Day luncheon.

Navy Club To Close for 2 Weeks

The Navy Club will close June 16-30 to upgrade its fire sprinkler system. For information, 725-7731.

Hospital, Clinics Closed June 27

The U.S. Army Hospital-Yongsan, the Yongsan Health Clinic, all outpatient clinics, and the outpatient pharmacy will be closed June 27 for organization day activities. The emergency room will remain open for immediate care. For information, call 737-568.

Korean Classes at Hannam

Registration is underway for summer vacation Korean language classes for students 8-18 years old. The classes take place at Hannam Village Army Community Service in Bldg. S6107. Classes run 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays June 13 to July 31. Register at the Hannam ACS by Thursday. For information, call 723-6721/6810.

Upcoming Changes of Command

■The 18th Medical Command change of command is 8:30 a.m. June 26 at Knight Field. Col. Jeffrey B. Clark will assume command from Col. James G. Jolissaint. Duty uniform for military and informal attire for civilians. The inclement weather location is Collier Field House. For information, call 737-3031/3504.
■The 501st Military Intelligence Brigade change of command is 9 a.m. July 18 at Knight Field. Col. Raul E. Escibano will assume command from Col. Scott D. Berrier. The inclement weather location is Collier Field House. For information, call 723-5654.

BOSS Auto Resale Lot

Yongsan's Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers started a resale lot for autos and motorcycles. The BOSS Resale Lot is located in the Yongsan Commissary parking lot and is open to all ID card holders. Sellers must register at the Moyer Community Activities Center to obtain a permit. The cost is \$7 a week or \$25 a month. For information, call 738-5466.

Contingency Contracting NCO Info Brief

An information briefing for noncommissioned officers interested in retraining into the Army's newest Military Occupational Specialty, 51C, is 9:30 a.m. Monday at the multipurpose training facility. The briefing will discuss the process to be assessed into the MOS and a question-and-answer session with several 51C NCOs. The guest speaker will be Master Sgt. Richard Peterson, who recently provided contingency contracting support during exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand and provided humanitarian assistance to the survivors of the cyclone in Burma. For information, call Master Sgt. Vincent Fontenot at 724-8943.

Elementary school thanks volunteers

by Pfc. Lee Min-hwi
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Nearly 100 volunteers, teachers and school officials gathered at the Seoul American Elementary School's cafeteria May 29 to recognize the school's volunteer corps.

"It takes, as Hillary Clinton said, a village to raise a child, and that's exactly how we feel," said Donna Kacmarski, SAES principal. "The whole community helps us raise these students, and all of their work is so cherished."

She told the gathered crowd how "precious their volunteers are. Without you, everything we have now could not have been possible. Home, school and community have been working together and made each and every one our treasures for all and especially the children."

Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation, a letter of appreciation, a yellow rose, and a coin during the activity, which school officials call the Volunteer Tea.

The theme for this year was "Volunteers are a Treasure," and each table sported small paper treasure boxes and golden coins.

The school boasts 431 volunteers from all corners of Yongsan who help in the classrooms, library and cafeteria; on field trips and special projects and celebration events; and during recess.

Kindergarten teacher Joanie Rasmussen said during her 13 years of teaching she counts on volunteers. "Every year I utilize as many volunteers as possible. The volunteers are always there ready to help. Especially in the kindergarten, we need many volunteers. Without them, I cannot do my job."

One of these volunteers is Tracey Woodcock, who works as a hospitality chairperson. She coordinated luncheons and hospitality events that show appreciation for the staff or faculty and helps organize social events that welcome new students.

"I had a wonderful time," she said of volunteering. "I was able to meet the teachers and get to know them as people, become familiar with other parents and know the students better. I felt I had a real say to what happen around the school. That was a real benefit to my child, too."

Chad Lucy is another volunteer, helping in classrooms and library and working as a school counselor.

"I usually work with other school



Volunteer Songcha Hamilton receives a rose, a coin and a letter of appreciation from Seoul American Elementary School officials during the school's annual volunteer recognition ceremony. — U.S. Army Photo By Pfc. Lee Min-hwi

counselors to teach the children and help them become public speakers. It is just great to be appreciated," Lucy said. "There is nothing more rewarding than working as volunteers in schools."

Interested in volunteering at Seoul American schools? Call the elementary school at 736-4613, middle school at 736-7364; or the high school at 738-5265.

Yongsan Soldiers hone weapons skills



Signal Soldiers assigned to Yongsan conducted weapons-immersion training at Warrior Base May 20-23. (Top) Pvt. Joseph A. Montgomery, A Company, 304th Signal Battalion, conducts weapon familiarization training with a Mark 19 grenade launcher. (Left) Capt. Nikolay Campbell, 501st Signal Company commander, throws a fuse-loaded training grenade into a bunker during a weapons range density week conducted by 1st Signal Brigade at Warrior Base, May 20-23. — U.S. Army Photos By Pvt. Kim Seung-kwon, 1st Signal Brigade

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Yongsan celebrates Asian Pacific Heritage

by Cpl. Im Jin-min
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — First Signal Brigade hosted a community festival to celebrate the cultures of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans May 31 at Camp Coiner.

More than 200 people gathered to enjoy heritage performances, traditional food and fun set to this year's national theme of "Leadership, Diversity, Harmony - Gateway to Success."

"This is a perfect time to help people who are not of the Asian Pacific culture to be aware of the culture diversity and also an opportunity for Asians and Pacific Islanders to show them off with pride," said Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Hill, 1st Signal Brigade equal opportunity advisor.

An array of cultural displays highlighted Asian handcrafts, brochures and guides to tourist attractions. The festival also featured a wide assortment of food tasting from Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean and Samoan kitchens. A pig roasted in the ground Samoan style was the favorite cuisine of the day. Meanwhile, bouncies, horseshoe throws and piñatas entertained children.

"My wife, kids and I have had a wonderful

time ... an opportunity to experience various interesting cultures," said 1st Signal's Capt. Michael Maddox. "This is a chance see the bonds between different diversities we have in our country."

Korean performers energized the stage with a traditional drum show and umbrella dance, called from An-sung Hyang-dangmu. Yoo Chung-ja, director of the An-sung Korean classical music organization, said, "We are honored and glad to share our dynamic culture with others."

Students from Seoul American High School and Seoul American Elementary School performed a Filipino Tinikling bamboo stick dance and the Itik-Itik steps depicting the movement of ducks. Other Filipino performances included the Pandanggo Sa Ilaw, the "dance with lights" exhibited by balancing lighted candles in each hand.

Ella Catineau, one of the Filipino dancers, said the performers practiced for three weeks and even made their own costumes.

"Many of us spent late nights preparing the traditional dishes," she said. "We want to give the spectators an idea about who we are and that we love to dance and sing and have a good time."



Seoul American High School students Celinda Barr (left) and Christian Quismundo dance to the Tinikling, a traditional Filipino dance, as Roy Quismundo (left) taps the bamboo pole to the rhythm. — U.S. Army photos By Cpl. Im Jin-min



Carl Ancheta (left) and Spc. Punefuolemotu Aiumu from 1st Signal Battalion serve the Samoan-style roasted pig.



Filipino-American volunteers perform the Pandango Sa Ilaw, or "dance with lights", which originated from the island of Mindoro.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Tava Jo Foster

Tava Jo Foster is one of the many volunteers who run the Yongsan Protestant Women of the Chapel, an international chapel-based ministry for women. She averages about 12 hours of volunteer work a week.

Why do you volunteer?

I volunteer with PWOC because I enjoy surrounding myself with like-minded

women with whom I share a lot in common. Volunteering with PWOC allows me to share the word of God and meet many people.

Why is volunteering important?

Without volunteers, many programs would not be able to function and the needs of a community would not be met without these programs. PWOC is no exception. Women flock to PWOC because they desire to be closer to God and to share their

time with like-minded women. It is the dedication of the women that organize and make sure PWOC is operating smoothly that provides this place of sisterhood. This is not unique to PWOC but to any organization that depends on volunteers for its day-to-day operation.

What do you like about the place you volunteer?

The people I meet, the friends I've made and the experiences I've had.



Tava Jo Foster

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Yongsan, call the U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan volunteer coordinator at 738-7510 or the American Red Cross at 738-3670.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Dave Hall
Commander, USAG-Yongsan



Job fair strikes chord with community

Last week, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan sponsored an important event for our community members. Our May 30 Army Community Service Job Fair brought together 40 representatives who were seeking quality employees. More than 300 U.S. Servicemembers and Family Members attended the festive event at the Yongsan ACS parking lot.

Although there were many active duty military job seekers, the majority attending this job fair were Yongsan Family Members.

As our numbers bear out, there is great interest in seeking jobs. In fact, this is one of the biggest issues to impact a family's quality of life.

"We recognize the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their families," according to the Army Family Covenant. At USAG-Yongsan, you have our commitment that "We're Here for You."

As Soldiers' careers progress, we also want our Family Members to experience the rewards of quality employment.

I see this as a retention issue because more than 50 percent of our Soldiers are married. Today, most families today rely on two incomes to maintain a decent lifestyle.

At this job fair, employers collected applications, scheduled interviews and in some cases, conducted on-the-spot job interviews.

One success story is from a Soldier who traveled from another community here in Korea. He had an on-the-spot interview with some military contractors and was extended a tentative job offer the same day.

The USAG-Yongsan CPAC provided enhanced processing of federal job

applications. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, nonappropriated fund activities, even off-post employers attended the job fair.

Many representatives said they had never been to such a "successful job fair that matched real people to real vacancies."

I only see our process as getting better and better. Next time around I believe we'll be able to double the number of employers. We hope to conduct another ACS job fair in September.

Also, keep in mind; we always have



Employment Readiness Program Manager Mercedes Jamieson talks with Cho Jun-y at the job fair May 30. Cho attended Jamieson's employment seminars and he was successful in gaining federal employment. — U.S. Army Photo By Kenneth Fidler

critical job openings in the USAG-Yongsan Child and Youth Services program.

We have a lot of help available through ACS and the USAG-Yongsan Civilian Personnel Advisory Center to connect future employees to great jobs.

Our ACS Employment Readiness program manager, Mercedes Jamieson, is standing by to assist you with resume preparation. We even have computer workstations available at ACS for job seekers.

Remember, you do not have to wait for a job fair. If you're looking for employment, visit the USAG-Yongsan ACS at the Community Services Building B-4106 on South Post, or call 738- 8977.

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Books

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The sixth grade team captain said she enjoyed preparing for the event, having read at least nine of the 10 books.

"It was really fun for me. I liked it," said Brianna McKiernan, sixth grade team captain. "I would never have picked up some of the books that were chosen, but I enjoyed them and it gave me an opportunity to read different types of books."

Students from both schools filled

the SAHS auditorium along with other spectators. They cheered and screamed as their fellow classmates ensued in their battles.

"My daughter always liked reading," said Jim Scanlan, who cheered on his daughter, Hannah. "But I think this event also gave her an opportunity and incentive to try new books."

Gates, military leaders in Korea advocate Normalized tours

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said today he's not only receptive to extending U.S. troop deployments here to three-year, accompanied tours, but personally believes it's "overdue."

"I don't see a reason why our troops in Korea should have unaccompanied tours any more," Gates said, particularly in light of planned operational and quality-of-life changes under way here.

Gates conceded that permitting the 28,000 U.S. troops here to bring their families with them has financial implications, because it would require more family housing and other facilities and services.

"But as a matter of principle, I think it is past time," he said.

Despite South Korea's emergence as one of the most modern, progressive and democratic nations in the world over the past 55 years, the United States still rotates its troops here as through it's still an active combat zone, Army Gen. Walter Sharp, who

will take command of U.S. Forces Korea tomorrow, pointed out to the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing in April.

Extending tours and allowing troops to bring their families to Korea would send the message that South Korea is safe, Gates said, and bring assignment policies here on line with those in Japan and Europe.

Particularly in light of other long-term contingency operations, longer, accompanied tours would reduce unnecessary additional family separations, Sharp said in written comments to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sharp joined the retiring U.S. Forces Korea commander, Army Gen. Burwell "B.B." Bell, in advocating three-year tours for troops who bring their families and two-year tours for single and unaccompanied troops. Gates, Sharp and Bell agree that the change would create less disruption in U.S. Forces Korea, cut down on permanent-change-of-station moves and reduce family separations.

The longer tours would improve

continuity, stability, and ultimately, readiness, while retaining important regional, institutional and cultural knowledge within the command, Sharp wrote in written statements to the Senate.

Longer tours also would save money, reducing costly troop moves and the need for assignment incentive pay for troops who agree to extend their tours of duty in Korea.

"Rather than providing incentives to unaccompanied personnel to stay longer in Korea, we should focus on enabling servicemembers to bring their families to Korea and establish a more family-oriented environment," he told Congress.

Bell, a big advocate of "normalized" tours here, cited operational changes taking place on the peninsula that make now the appropriate time to make the change. During congressional testimony in May, he cited plans to move the Army's 2nd Infantry Division and U.S. joint-force elements from their current location at Yongsan Garrison to south of Seoul. In addition to returning valuable land in the capital city

to the Koreans, the move will provide big quality-of-life improvements for troops there, he said.

Sharp told Congress he believes the new tour policy could be put into place as these improvements are made over the next 10 to 15 years, with financial help from South Korea.

But another big payoff of normalization would be closer personal U.S.-South Korean relationships, Bell said during the 13th Far East Forum here in April.

"Right now, over 90 percent of our servicemembers come to Korea for one-year tours without their families – and that means most of them don't get out and don't really get involved in their communities after work," he said. "Instead, they're in their barracks rooms e-mailing and calling their families who are back in the United States.

"With tour normalcy," Bell continued, "American servicemembers could come to Korea on three-year tours with their families – families who will establish life-long connections and friendships with the Korean people, just as I have."

8th Army Birthday Ball tickets on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for the 8th Army Birthday Ball, scheduled for June 13 at the Grand Hyatt in Seoul, Korea. Tickets cost \$55 for the local celebration of the U.S. Army's 233rd birthday. For more details, contact 8th Army Birthday Ball Association President, Sgt. Maj. Bill Hunter at 723-3677.

Army legal experts explain Double Jeopardy

by Capt. Brian Tomasovic
Legal Services

Double Jeopardy isn't just the second round of a television game show. It also deals with how people are protected from repeated prosecution and punishment for the same crime. The principles of double jeopardy come from the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and serve to protect all U.S. citizens including Soldiers subject to the UCMJ. However, there are some situations where the Fifth Amendment does not provide total protection from successive punishments.

Double jeopardy applies only to judicial criminal proceedings. An Article 15 is an administrative action or "nonjudicial proceeding" that does not result in criminal convictions. Therefore, the Fifth Amendment does not prevent a Soldier from receiving a court-martial conviction for conduct formerly punished under Article 15 proceedings. While prior nonjudicial punishment is not a bar to subsequent trial by court-martial, under the Rules for Courts-Martial, a Soldier can request dismissal of a charge(s) for prior punishment if the Article 15 dealt with a "minor offense." A minor offense is generally defined as the type of misconduct that can be punished by a dishonorable discharge or confinement for more than one year. Additionally, Soldiers who have received Article 15

punishment may request credit for the former punishment or restriction, or ask that it be considered in mitigation. Once a Soldier receives Article 15 punishment for an offense, he or she cannot receive another Article 15 for the same offense.

Similarly, the Fifth Amendment also does not prevent a Soldier from receiving a court-martial conviction for conduct prosecuted by a state or foreign court. The reason for this is the rule of separate sovereigns. A state court gives a state government conviction, but that does not prevent the federal government from giving a separate federal government conviction. Similarly, here in Korea, the Korean courts can prosecute a servicemember for off-post criminal conduct, but the Constitution does not prevent later prosecution for the same misconduct by the military. Korea is a separate government, a "separate sovereign," so there is no constitutional restriction against later punishment under the UCMJ.

Although complicated, double jeopardy is an extremely important constitutional protection that may impact Soldiers differently from regular citizens. Soldiers facing disciplinary actions are encouraged to contact the Trial Defense Service (TDS) on questions regarding their constitutional rights. TDS counsels are mindful of Soldiers' constitutional protections, and can provide valuable information on whether the double jeopardy protection applies in a particular case.

Traumatic life insurance program for Servicemembers enhances services

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is reaching out to more Soldiers and their families by adding a Soldier Family Support Specialists to the program at 10 critical Military Treatment Facilities across the country.

This addition will provide consistent advice and assistance to all Soldiers and family members so they can seamlessly file claims for traumatic injuries.

The program, which is supported by Department of Veterans Affairs, has provided \$180 million to traumatically-injured Soldiers alone.

SFSSs are subject matter experts with a wide breadth of knowledge about the

TSGLI program and have gained expertise in briefing and assisting Soldiers and their families with the claims process. They work closely with the Warrior Transition Units and the Soldier Family Assistance Centers at the MTFs so Soldiers have access to their services. The addition of SFSSs will improve communication efforts, ultimately increasing the number of approved TSGLI claims.

"SFSSs are vital liaisons between the Soldier and medical community, ensuring the timely and accurate submission and processing of TSGLI claims," said Col. John F. Sackett, who leads the TSGLI Branch under the Army's Human Resources Command, in Alexandria, VA.

Cub Scout Pack 89 in Yongsan needs your help!

There's many volunteer positions just waiting for the right person to step in for this summer and the 2008/2009 school year. No experience necessary...just the willingness to work with eager elementary school age cubs!

Volunteer openings include:

Leading or assisting with a den of young scouts
Organizing one event for the pack (i.e. the Pinewood Derby, the Columbus Day Parade, the Bowl-a-thon...the list goes all on year!)
Serving on the Pack 89 Committee (Webmaster, Events Chair, Secretary still needed!)

Pack 89 is sure to have something that meets your time schedule and your desires. All hours count toward the Volunteer Service Medal!

Join us Today! Contact Cubmaster, Bill Finn (g8trsx5@aol.com), or Committee Chair, Melinda Sigler (melindasigler@hotmail.com), to get involved! Make a difference in a young boy's life today!



	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Casey 730-7354	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 8:30 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 8:30 p.m.	Indiana Jones (PG13) 6:30 p.m.	Indiana Jones (PG13) 7:30 p.m.	21 (PG13) 7:30 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 7:30 p.m.	Nim's Island (PG) 7:30 p.m.
Henry 768-7724	Leatherheads (PG13) 7 p.m.	21 (PG13) 7 p.m.	The Eye (PG13) 7 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 7 p.m.	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Indiana Jones (PG13) 9 p.m.	Indiana Jones (PG13) 9 p.m.	Indiana Jones (PG13) 9 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 9 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 9 p.m.	Superhero (PG13) 9 p.m.	Superhero (PG13) 9 p.m.
Hovey 730-5412	21 (PG13) 7 p.m.	Indiana Jones (PG13) 7 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 7 p.m.	21 (PG13) 7 p.m.	Indiana Jones (PG13) 7 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 7 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 7 p.m.
Kunsan 782-4987	Sex and the City (R) 9 p.m.	Speed Racer (PG) 9 p.m.	21 (PG13) 9 p.m.	No Show	No Show	No Show	Nim's Island (PG) 6 p.m.
Osan 784-4930	Iron Man (PG13) 9:30 p.m.	Iron Man (PG13) 9:30 p.m.	Sex and the City (R) 8:30 p.m.	Sex and the City (R) 7 p.m.	Sex and the City (R) 7 p.m.	Sex and the City (R) 7 p.m.	Leatherheads (PG13) 7 p.m.
Red Cloud 732-6620	Indiana Jones (PG13) 6:30 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 9 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 6 p.m.	Leatherheads (PG13) 7 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 7 p.m.	No Show	Sex and the City (R) 7 p.m.
Stanley 732-5565	21 (PG13) 9 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 9 p.m.	21 (PG13) 7 p.m.	Nim's Island (PG) 7 p.m.	No Show	Sex and the City (R) 9 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 7 p.m.
Yongsan I	Sex and the City (R) 8:30 p.m.	Sex and the City (R) 8 p.m.	Superhero (PG13) 8 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 7 p.m.	Stop Loss (R) 7 p.m.	Nim's Island (PG) 7 p.m.	Nim's Island (PG) 7 p.m.
Yongsan II	Veggie Tales Movie (G) 6:30 p.m.	Veggie Tales Movie (G) 6:30 p.m.	Veggie Tales Movie (G) 6:30 p.m.	Bank Job (R) 6 p.m.	Bank Job (R) 6 p.m.	One Missed Call (PG13) 6 p.m.	One Missed Call (PG13) 6 p.m.
Yongsan III 738-7389	Penelope (PG) 6:30 p.m.	Penelope (PG) 6:30 p.m.	Penelope (PG) 6:30 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 6 p.m.	Run Fatboy Run (PG13) 6 p.m.	10,000 BC (PG13) 6 p.m.	10,000 BC (PG13) 6 p.m.

Area II Worship Schedule

Protestant Services Collective

Sunday	0800	Memorial Ch. (Communion)
Sunday	0930	121 Hospital Chapel
Sunday	0930	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
Sunday	1000	South Post Chapel
Sunday	1000	multi Purpose Trng Facility
Sunday	1030	K-16 Chapel
Sunday	1100	Hannam Village Chapel
Sunday	1200	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
KCFA		
2nd Tues.	1145	Memorial Chapel
3rd Tues.	1145	Memorial Chapel

Catholic Mass

Sunday	0800	South Post Chapel
Sunday	1130	Memorial Chapel
Sunday	1700	Memorial Chapel
Mon./Thrus./ Fri.	1205	Memorial Chapel
Tues./Wed.	1205	121 Hospital Chapel
1st Sat.	0900	Memorial Chapel
Jewish		
Friday	1900	South Post Chapel

Distinctive Faith Group Services

Episcopal		
Sunday	1000	Memorial Chapel
United Pentecostal		
Sunday	1330	Memorial Chapel
Later Day Saints & Church of Christ: Call 738-3011 for information		

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When trial comes: Grow with God through perseverance

by Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas B. Vaughn, Jr.

Have you ever wondered why golf balls are covered with dimples? When first manufactured, golf balls were smooth. It was later discovered that after a ball had

been roughed up, it would go further when you hit it. So they started making them with dimpled covers.

That's the way it is with life. God allows us to be roughed up sometimes to enable us to do more and go further. So how do you handle being roughed up?

When trials come, consider it all joy. "Hey Chaplain! I got hit by a bus and broke my leg! Praise the Lord!" That's not what I'm talking about. Real joy comes from knowing God is with you in the midst of your trials.

According to the Bible, God uses trials to test our faith, to grow and mature us. He tests us with trials to see if our dependence is upon Him or ourselves. If we pass the test, then we grow to the next level of spiritual maturity.

When trials come, ask God for wisdom. No one likes to take tests, but they're important. They measure where you're at and show when you're ready to go to the next level.

Since God allows trials to come, He obviously

wants us to learn something. Many of us ask God for wisdom, have Him tell us what to do and then do our own thing. To pass the test, learn from your trials and keep from repeating mistakes, you must obey God's instructions.

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When trials come, persevere. Perseverance is staying the course even though your feelings say, "run." In college, I remember how the dentist tipped me back in the chair and started working in my mouth with sharp, uncomfortable tools. When he was ready to pull all four of my wisdom teeth, I felt like saying "No, not today..." But I stayed in the chair. I

stayed because I knew it needed to be done. I stayed because I trusted the expertise of the dentist. I stayed because he knocked me out with drugs!

To persevere is like staying in the chair. You want to run, but you don't because you know God is in control and knows what He is doing.

There's an old saying, "It's not the mountains ahead that wear you down; it's the grain of sand in your shoe." It's not the weeks or months ahead of you that will wear you down, but how you handle today. Don't allow trials in your life to become major obstacles. Consider it all joy. Ask God for wisdom. Persevere.

USAG Daegu bids Command Sgt. Maj. Keit ‘farewell’



(Clockwise from above) 1. 19th ESC Staff Sgt. Derrick Chambers and his wife sing 'A Prayer' for Keit during her farewell dinner at Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club.
2. During gift presentation, USAG Daegu Supply and Services Chief, Randy B. Cheniault hands a gift to Keit. She received various gifts to remember her last assignment at USAG Daegu.
3. Keit wipes her tears away after receiving a goodbye present.
4. Many people from various units and organizations participated in Keit's farewell dinner.
5. Keit remembers her life as USAG Daegu's Command Sergeant Major watching video slides during her farewell dinner. The video slides remind her what she've done in USAG Daegu.
— U.S. Army Photos By Sgt. Na Kyung-chul

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Family Child Care Amnesty Month

by Tracy Roysdon
Child and Youth Services

Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Command has designed June “FCC Amnesty Month” to eliminate unauthorized child care occurring in government housing across the Army. The FCC Amnesty Plan allows individuals who are not currently certified FCC Providers (but are regularly caring for children in government quarters) an opportunity to register with Child and Youth Services without penalty.

During the month of June, persons who come forward and meet the FCC Provider

eligibility requirements may continue to provide care while simultaneously going through the FCC certification process. Any other month of the year, persons identified as providing unauthorized child care in government quarters would be required to immediately discontinue care and CYS would assist parents in finding alternative care within CYS programs.

Occupants of government quarters that provide more than ten hours of care per week on a regular basis must be FCC certified. This policy is frequently misunderstood and misinterpreted. Much of the confusion centers on conditions under which a person must become an FCC provider. Both the

“10-Hour” and “Regular Basis” conditions must be met for this requirement to apply. For example, if a neighbor cares for a child one hour per day five days per week, they do not need to be certified. If a neighbor cares for a child five hours per day five days per week, they need to be certified.

The intent of the “1-Hour” rule is not to regulate, restrict, or limit occasional child care among Army families. Short-term care by neighbors is an excellent way to transition between spouses who work different shifts or for soldiers required to work all day Saturday. In fact, “neighbors helping neighbors” is one solution to providing hourly care.

For those who choose to become certified FCC Providers, CYS will provide training and support throughout the process. Certified providers receive food subsidies, subsidies for certain credentials, and start-up supplies and equipment for the FCC Lending Library.

The benefit to parents of using a certified provider is the high quality care their children will receive from these early childhood professionals.

FCC providers are required to pass a background check, take infant/child CPR and First Aid, and their homes are required to meet stringent fire/safety/health standards.

Additionally, providers complete an extensive training program that includes fifteen training modules: safety, health, cognitive, communication, creative,

self, program management, families, professional, social, physical, guidance, environments, and child abuse prevention I & II.

To become an FCC Provider or to report unauthorized care, call the garrison CYS program.



2008 WARRIOR COUNTRY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

May 26-27 at Camp Red Cloud & Casey "Indianhead" Golf Course

PLACE	RANK	NAME	CRC	PAR UNIT CASEY	62 1ST DAY	64 2ND DAY	126 TOTAL
MEN'S OPEN DIV							
1ST	2LT	WADAS, BRIAN	B, 1-15TH FA	67	75	142	
2ND	SSG	HINES, RICKIE	C, 1-38TH FA	76	79	155	
3RD	SSG	BERG, BRANDON	HHC, 2ID (G-6)		82	77	159
4TH	CPT	JUNG, JAE SUNG	HHC, 2ID (SGS)		85	77	162
5TH	SGM	OH, CHANG WOO	304TH SIG BN		81	82	163
6TH	PFC	COX, DANIEL	HHC, 1-15TH FA		83	84	167
7TH	CW3	WIKLE, JONATHAN	HHC, 1 HBCT		84	85	169
8TH	SSG	HARLEY, DON	4TH CHEM CO		87	83	170
9TH	MAJ	LEE, SEONG YOUL	210TH FIRE BDE		89	92	181
10TH	PV2	DOWNING, DOUG	E, 1-43D ADA89		93	182	
11TH	SGT	LINDSAY, BRADLEY	C CO, 2-9TH IN		99	89	188
12TH(TIE)	CPT	KIM, SANG MOK	HHC, 2ID RSG		88	101	189
12TH(TIE)	SGT	RALSTON, RYAN	21ST MP DET(CID)		100	89	189
14TH	MAJ	ENDRES, BRADE	HHC, 2ID (G-3)		105	93	198
15TH	MAJ	WILEY, CARLOS	HHC, 2ID (G-3)		104	95	199
16TH	SGM	SEO, KWANG M.	HHC, 70TH BSB		101	102	203
17TH	SFC	MORENO, RYAN	HHSC, DSTB 110		124	234	
	1LT	CHO, MIKE	HHC, 2ID	83 W/D			
	PFC	SHAFFER, ADAM	HHC, 1 HBCT		98	W/D	
	MAJ	COCHRAN, TIM	HHC, 2ID (G-3)		100	W/D	
	SGM	NO, MYONG TAEK	210TH FIRE BDE		101	W/D	
	SSG	STALLING, CHRIS	E CO, 302D BSB		114	W/D	
SENIOR DIV							
1ST	1SG	HUGO, WADE	HHC, BSTB	72	70	142	
2ND	LTC	LEE, KIL HWAN	HHC, 2ID (SR ROK)		72	72	144
3RD	SGM	KIM, YUNG SHIN	HHC, 2ID	75	71	146	
4TH	CW4	AMEY, URIEL	HHC, 1 HBCT	73	80	153	
5TH	1SG	COLLINS, SURIYAN	B, 1-38TH FA	85	78	163	
6TH	SFC	SHATTAN, JOEL	HHC, 1-38TH FA		87	81	168
7TH	SFC	MURRAY, MATTHEW	8TH ARMY NCOA		83	96	179
8TH	CSM	FIGUEROA, ALEX	HHC, 1-15TH FA		92	89	181
WOMEN'S DIV							
1ST	1LT	PETERSON, H.	HHC, 2ID		111	114	225

2008 Warrior Invitational Wrestling Tournament results

May 31 at Hanson Field House, Camp Casey

WEIGHT CLASS	MATCH NO	WINNER	RESULTS	DEFEATED
WOMEN'S DIV				
119 LBS	#1. CHAMPIONSHIP	CPT. CATHERINE MILLER, A CO, 1 BSTB	Fall	2LT. LINDSEY GREGORY, A CO, 1 BSTB
139 LBS	UNCONTESTED	PFC. SIERRA SAMMS, A CO, 1 BSTB		
152 LBS	UNCONTESTED	PFC. NICHOLE RAUSHED, A CO, 1 BSTB		
187 LBS	#1. CHAMPIONSHIP	PFC. SERENA SMITH, A CO, 1 BSTB	3-1	PFC. CHANDAN FIGALORA, A CO, 1 BSTB
MEN'S DIV				
152 LBS	#1. Pre-Elimination	SPC. PATRICK RAUTERT, A CO, DSTB	Fall	SPC. MORRIS SCHULTZ, A CO, 1 BSTB
	#2. Pre-Elimination	SGT. DAVID HAYNES, A CO, 1-72D ARM	Fall	SSGT. GILBERT MARTINEZ, 51ST CS, OSAN
	#3. Pre-Elimination	SPC. MORRIS SHULTZ, A CO, 1 BSTB	Fall	SSGT. GILBERT MARTINEZ, 51ST CS, OSAN
	#4. Quarter-Final	SGT. DAVID HAYNES, A CO, 1-72D ARM	3-0	SPC. PATRICK RAUTERT, A CO, DSTB
	#5. Semi-Final	SPC. PATRICK RAUTERT, A CO, DSTB	3-0	SPC. MORRIS SCHULTZ, A CO, 1 BSTB
	#6. CHAMPIONSHIP	SGT. DAVID HAYNES, A CO, 1-72D ARM	3-0	SPC. PATRICK RAUTERT, A CO, DSTB
167 LBS	#1. Pre-Elimination	PV2. JOSHUA ASHTON, A CO, 302D BSB	Fall	PFC. ALLEN VANDENPOOL, HHC, 2-9TH IN
	#2. Pre-Elimination	PFC. SHIN GUEN SONG, B BTRY, 6-37TH FA	Fall	1LT. DAVID EMPREY, 51 SFS, OSAN AB
	#3. Pre-Elimination	PFC. ALLEN VANDENPOOL, HHC, 2-9TH IN	4-0 (Injury)	1LT. DAVID EMPREY, 51 SFS, OSAN AB
	#4. Quarter-Final	PV2. JOSHUA ASHTON, A CO, 302D BSB	3-1	PFC. SHIN GUEN SONG, B BTRY, 6-37TH FA
	#5. Semi-Final	PFC. ALLEN VANDENPOOL, HHC, 2-9TH IN	4-0 (Injury)	PFC. SHIN GUEN SONG, B BTRY, 6-37TH FA
	#6. CHAMPIONSHIP	PV2. JOSHUA ASHTON, A CO, 302D BSB	3-0	PFC. ALLEN VANDENPOOL, HHC, 2-9TH IN
275 LBS	#1. Pre-Elimination	CPT. ROBERT PARMENTER, A CO, 1 BSTB	Fall	PFC. RUSSELL HOWE, HHC, 2-9TH IN
	#2. Pre-Elimination	1LT. JAMES HOLLIS, A BTRY, 1-15TH FA	3-1	SSG. JEFFREY DUNCAN, 8th Army Chapl Off
	#3. Pre-Elimination	SSG. JEFFREY DUNCAN, 8th Army Chapl Off	Fall	PFC. RUSSELL HOWE, HHC, 2-9TH IN
	#4. Quarter-Final	1LT. JAMES HOLLIS, A BTRY, 1-15TH FA	Fall	CPT. ROBERT PARMENTER, A CO, 1 BSTB
	#5. Semi-Final	SSG. JEFFREY DUNCAN, 8th Army Chapl Off	Fall	PFC. RUSSELL HOWE, HHC, 2-9TH IN
	#6. Championship	CPT. ROBERT PARMENTER, A CO, 1 BSTB	4-0 (W/D)	SSG. JEFFREY DUNCAN, 8th Army Chapl Off
	#7. Championship (IF)	1LT. JAMES HOLLIS, A BTRY, 1-15TH FA	3-2 (OT)	CPT. ROBERT PARMENTER, A CO, 1 BSTB



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Intramural Softball League			
8th Army	5	Embassy	11
Kanakas	11	41st Sig	6
8th Army	12	41st Sig	7
8th Army	11	19th AG	1
BAH	0	94th MP	15
18th Med	11	94th MP	12
18th Med	13	595th MT	4
BAH	10	595th MT	6
595th MT	11	Kanakas	26
AFN	11	94th MP	13
AFN	0	94th MP	17
18th Med	13	Kanakas	6
CSCT	3	19th AG	18
Sockor	18	CSCT#3	2
Sockor	13	19th AG	2
BAH	0	CRUS	7
AFN	4	Kanakas	19
CRUS	9	19th AG	5
94th MP	5	CRUS	9
8th Army	6	Suslak	10
Embassy	9	19th AG	13
Embassy	7	41st Sig	20
Sockor	17	41st Sig	2
Suslak	9	94th MP	7

Standings

CRUS	7-0	Kanakas	7-1
Suslak	4-1	Sockor	7-2
18th Med	6-2	94th MP	6-4
Embassy	2-3	BAH	4-6
8th Army	3-5	41st Sig	3-6
19th AG	2-9	CSCT#3	1-6
AFN		0-6	

Post Softball

Yongsan	17	CRC	5
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Post-level Softball Standings (6/2)

MEN	W	L	Pct.	GB
USAG-H	10	0	1.000	--
Osan	10	0	1.000	--
Yongsan	8	2	.800	2
Daegu	4	4	.500	5
Casey	4	4	.500	5
Kunsan	3	9	.250	8
USAG-RC	1	9	.100	9
Wonju	0	12	.000	11

WOMEN	W	L	Pct.	GB
Casey	4	0	1.000	--
USAG-H	3	1	.750	1
Osan	7	3	.700	--
Daegu	2	2	.500	2
Yongsan	1	5	.166	4
Kunsan	1	7	.125	5

2008 USAG-H (Wonju)
Intramural Softball League Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Eagle				
KATUSA	1	0	.1000	--
CP Long	1	0	.1000	--
HHC				
1-2 AVN	1	0	.1000	--
Eagle				
Women	0	1	.000	1
E 1-2 AVN	0	1	.000	1
D 1-2 AVN	0	1	.000	1

3-2 ADA takes over air defense artillery role at Suwon Air Base

by Spc. Gretchen N. Goodrich
35th ADA Public Affairs Office

SUWON AIR BASE – The first Patriot battalion to deploy to South Korea since the Korean War wrapped up its tour during a Transfer of Authority ceremony at the Suwon Air Base gymnasium May 23.

The 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery transferred responsibility for providing air defense support to the northern area of South Korea to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery by casing the “Panther’s” colors symbolizing the change of authority.

This third battalion rotation under 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade represents the continuing strong United States commitment to the Republic of Korea-United States Alliance, said Maj. Gen. Michael Kuehr, 8th Army Deputy commander and guest speaker at the ceremony.

“United States Forces Korea takes very seriously its role in helping maintain security in the Korean Theater of Operations. The theater missile defense support represented by the Patriot battalions underscores what not only makes this alliance enduring, but great as well,” Kuehr.

Over the past month, the new warfighters arrived in separate groups to ensure the alliance is maintained through a proper transition. Soldiers inventoried supplies, reviewed plans, traded barracks and passed on lessons learned to ensure their readiness.

The “Eagles Dare” battalion prepared



Lt. Col. Carolyn S. Birchfield, 3-2 ADA commander, helps Command Sgt. Maj. Bryan A. Pinkney, 3-2 command sergeant major, unfurl their units' colors during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony at Suwon Air Base Gym May 23. The Battalion is the first Patriot battalion to man a post in Korea since the Korean War.— U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Gretchen N. Goodrich

for their new mission in Korea over the past year through various training exercises. The unit trained extensively on Air and Missile Defense tactics and operations, said Col. James H. Dickinson, the 35th ADA Bde. commander. The various training the Soldiers underwent specifically trained

them for their mission in Korea; a complex mission that involves shooting down one missile with another, both traveling faster than the speed of sound, said Dickinson.

“The battalion rotations bring the most highly trained and experienced Patriot forces to the peninsula, ensuring that the

alliance and citizens of Korea have the best possible protection against an enemy missile attack,” Kuehr said. The brigade rotates air defense battalions to Korea every six months for a one-year deployment to ensure that the warfighters are always ready to fight tonight.

22nd KSC trains for battlefield operations

by Andre Butler
USAG-H Public Affairs Office

USAG HUMPHREYS – The 22nd Korean Service Corps recently completed training and tests which are essential to their wartime mission at USAG Humphreys CPX Range.

“For this exercise, we had to go through Army Warrior Training,” said Chong, Yong-an, 22nd KSC Company commander.



The 22nd Korean Service Company went through Army Warrior Training to sharpen skills. Here they try to don MOPP gear within the allotted time. — U.S. Army Photo By Cpl. Terri V. Donald

The training is derived from two Soldier’s Manuals of Common Tasks and tests the ability of KSC’s to perform to standard in four key areas – field first aid, unit chemical, biological, radiation and nuclear defense, weapon familiarization and map reading.

“Once a year we have to be tested on tasks like first aid and map reading,” Chong said.

“We have to be able to perform these tasks and others because they are vital to

us,” Chong said.

“Evaluation of the sick and wounded on the battlefield is very important,” said Chon, In-sop, 22nd KSC executive officer.

“So we take this training seriously,” Chon said.

According to army regulations and guidelines, the objectives of the annual Army Warrior Training Proficiency Test is to evaluate and familiarize KSC’s with 17 critical individual tasks listed under the four major areas.

“We want all of our KSC’s to be able to perform on the same level,” said Juan E. McCray, the Korean Service Corps Battalion sergeant major, “Across the board,” he said.

“That is what these tests provide,” McCray said.

“In order for the KSC’s to be able to support and assist U.S. units on the battlefield, they have to be proficient in things such as Mission Oriented Protective Posture levels.”

“Knowing these tasks and how to apply them when needed will save their lives as well as the Soldiers on the ground fighting,” McCray said.

“Especially if a Soldier is injured and

needs help loading a weapon during a firefight. We equip our KSC’s with the knowledge of how to load and unload weapons,” McCray said.

“They are non-combatants but we at least want them to know how to help warfighters in heated situations.”

“This is as much for their safety as the Soldiers,” McCray said.

Chong said the company’s primary mission is to provide combat support and combat service support to United States forces during wartime operations.

“This is a regular job for us here,” Chong said.

Two Hundred and one KSC’s are assigned to the 22nd KSC as full-time employees, Chong said.

All were trained, evaluated and tested during the exercise.

“If anyone failed on the first go-around, we gave them hip-pocket training and retested them,” Chong said.

“This level of training isn’t easy,” Chon said.

And when the eight hour session was over, all 201 KSC’s had passed.

“We meet the standard,” Chong said. “It was very good training.”

News & Notes

USFK ALERT

USFK officials are asking its servicemembers and beneficiaries to use caution when eating in non-USFK approved establishments due to a recent outbreak of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 Virus (HPAI-H5N1 Virus) in the Republic of Korea. All dishes containing chicken and/or eggs should only be consumed if properly cooked. The USFK is taking these precautions as the Korean government aggressively works to contain the outbreak.

Road Trip to Health, Fitness & Beyond

New personal Fitness and Health Promotion Program currently underway. Individuals keep track of their points and will qualify for prizes. Get points for playing with your children, volunteering, attending Health Promotion Classes, working out, playing ball and more. Personal Travel logs and entry details are available at the Fitness Centers and the Health Promotion Program in the Medical Clinic.

Resume Writing Workshop

Spruce up your resume and learn about resume techniques June 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration required.

Inspector General Openings

The Eighth United States Army Inspector General has immediate openings for officers wanting to become Inspector Generals. Vacancies are for Majors and branch qualified captains. Positions can be up to two years with command sponsorship. Point of contact is Lt. Col. Ed Hogan at 725-6739 or Col. Michael Mahoney at 723-4006, email: Edwin.hogan@Korea.army.mil or Michael.mahoney1@korea.army.mil

Trash Bags for Off Post Garbage Pick Up

All DoD personnel living off post must use the trash bags provided by Pyeongtaek City for garbage pick up. These are the only trash bags that will be accepted by city cleaning crews. Hefty or Glad bags are not acceptable for trash disposal off post. You can purchase the necessary trash bags at the Commissary.

USAG-Humphreys Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The USAG-H Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is looking for SAMC and Sergeant Morales Club members. Please contact Sgt. 1st Class Snape at 010-3502-9401 or Sgt. 1st Class Lawson-Hurt at 010-6303-6669 for more information.

Deal for Your Wheels

This month's deal for your wheels allows you to spend only \$5 in labor to get an oil change. The Humphreys Auto Crafts Center can provide you with a filter and oil or you can provide your own. Visit the Auto Crafts Center for more information.

Free Bowling on Fridays

Military in uniform can enjoy free bowling every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Humphreys Strike Zone and Long Bowling Centers. The snack bars will be open for your convenience.

Please Send Us Stories and Photos

To submit info for publishing in The Morning Calm Weekly, USAG Humphreys common pages, call 754-6132, 8847 or 8598 -- or e-mail andre.butler@korea.army.mil.

New Eighth Army CG visits Humphreys



(middle) Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Fil Jr., Eighth United States Army commanding general and United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, deputy commanding general, receives a briefing from Greg H. Reiff, Pyeongtaek City resident engineer, about Humphreys transformation at a site which overlooks Parcel 1. (right) Brig. Gen. Al A. Aycock, IMCOM-K commanding general and Maj. Gen. Michael Kuehr, Eighth U.S. Army deputy commanding general, (left) give their attention as well. The generals visited USAG Humphreys May 30 and toured the post and on-going construction projects including: the Super Gym, Family Housing and the Officers Living Quarters — U.S. Army Photo By Andre Butler

Area III income tax deadlines, amendments, unfiled taxes

by Capt. Jason Moy
USAG-H Legal Assistance Center

USAG HUMPHREYS —Recently, the USAG Humphreys Tax Center closed after a very successful season. The tax preparation team completed 1,507 federal income tax returns, 732 state income tax returns, generated \$3,227,956 in refunds and saved Soldiers \$290,765.00 in tax preparation fees. While the tax center is closed, tax services still exist for those who still need to file, amend or have received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service questioning their return.

Need to File: Typically, taxpayers have until April 15 to file their taxes. If you missed this deadline and were overseas, don't fret. The IRS gives you an exception. Overseas taxpayers have an automatic 2 month extension to June 15, June 16 this year because June 15 falls on a Sunday, if they are U.S. citizens or residents and on April 15 were outside the United States.

If you file jointly, only one person needs to be overseas. This is an exception to file; however, and not an exception to pay.

If you owe taxes you must have paid them by April 15 to avoid interest charges, but the IRS will not charge you a penalty for filing late.

To get this extension, you must attach a statement to your return explaining that you were overseas.

Still need more time? If you cannot file by June 16 you can apply for an additional four month extension by filing IRS Form

4868 available at www.irs.gov.

Once again, this is an extension to file but not an extension to pay. If you think you will owe taxes you should pay any tax you estimate is due.

Combat-zone Extensions. Servicemembers serving in a combat zone such as Iraq or Afghanistan, or a Hazardous Duty Area such as Bosnia or Kosovo, do not have to file their taxes while serving in those areas. Taxpayers serving in those areas are not required to file taxes for at least 180 days after they leave these areas. The extension is automatic; there is no form to file. See IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces Tax Guide, for more information.

What About Years Prior to 2007? If the IRS discovers that you failed to file taxes, they can assess tax liabilities against you for any year.

There is no limit to how far back you can go. Unfortunately, if you failed to file taxes and you were owed a refund, you only have three years to go back to file and claim your refund. Currently, taxpayers can obtain refunds for unfiled taxes from 2005 and 2006. However, taxpayers still must file taxes for any previous years, if required. If you need assistance with completing previous year income taxes please see your local legal assistance office.

If you file your taxes late and owe taxes, you will have to pay penalties and interest. Additionally, wrongfully failing to file and pay taxes is a criminal offense. Just ask Wesley Snipes, he was recently sentenced to three years in federal prison for not filing

income tax returns. As a servicemember there are other associated penalties such as: loss of military security clearance or loss of student loan program eligibility for yourself or your children.

Amending your Tax Return. Sometimes mistakes are made or an unknown W-2 bubbles up to the surface. If you receive additional tax information or see a mistake, you will need to amend your return by completing an IRS Form 1040X. Your local tax center or legal assistance office can assist you in amending your tax return.

Every W-2 is reported to the IRS. When you file your taxes, the IRS' own computer programs work to ensure that all W-2's reported to them are included with your taxes. Taxpayers who fail to report all income receive notices and are subject to penalties and interest.

Am I being Audited? If you receive a letter from the IRS challenging the information on your tax return, schedule an appointment to see a legal assistance attorney in a timely fashion. If you agree with a proposed change, you need to do nothing, except send in any additional money that the IRS requires. But check the information the IRS has sent you, to ensure it is accurate. If you feel that the IRS has made a mistake or something doesn't make sense, see a legal assistance attorney to receive help with solving your problem.

If you have any questions, consult your legal assistance office or local tax center. If you are in Area III or USAG Humphreys, call 753-6245, stop by Building 734 or email Area3LegalAssistance@korea.army.mil.



They needed Shaq at first base on this one. Or maybe not. With his knee and back problems, his vertical has been reduced to inches, and catching this throw during Humphreys Intramural Softball League action probably required a salmon net. — U.S. Army Photo By Mike Mooney

Post-level softball strikes USAG Humphreys, Area III Humphreys, Osan share 10-0 record

by Mike Mooney
USAG-H Morale, Welfare and Recreations

USAG HUMPHREYS – It was get out the broom time in Korea Post-Level Men's Softball this past weekend as Humphreys, Casey, Yongsan and Osan all went 4-0 in Saturday and Sunday competition, with Humphreys and Osan now sitting atop the league with perfect 10-0 marks.

In Women's competition, Humphreys opened the league season by winning three of four from Kunsan while Osan and Daegu split their four games.

While the Humphreys Men managed to sweep Kunsan, it wasn't easy as the Bulldogs had to come back from a two-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh in Saturday's second game, eeking out a 7-6 victory over the Wolfpack.

Humphreys won its other three matches with Kunsan 18-8, 17-12 and 10-2.

Casey kept Wonju winless, winning 19-2 and 22-11 Saturday and 17-6, 11-1 Sunday. Wonju is now 0-12 on the year.

Yongsan and Red Cloud traded big rallies and put a lot of runs on the board, with

Yongsan taking Saturday's contests 27-5 and 33-23. Yongsan won 17-5 and 12-2 Sunday to advance to 8-2 on the season, while Red Cloud fell to 1-9.

And in the weekend's final men's action, Osan stayed perfect with 21-17, 15-10, 20-10 and 17-16 victories over Daegu.

The Humphreys women saw their first action of the league season by taking three of four from Kunsan while Osan and Daegu split.

The Lady Dawgs won 14-9, 9-5 and 11-5, but fell in Sunday's first game, 12-10.

The Lady Mustangs of Osan lost Saturday's opener to Daegu, 8-7, but won the nightcap, 18-10, and Sunday's opener, 13-12. Daegu won the final game 16-15.

This weekend's men's action finds Humphreys at Casey, Yongsan at Kunsan, Osan at Wonju and Daegu at Red Cloud Saturday and Casey at Humphreys, Yongsan at Kunsan, Wonju at Osan and Daegu at Red Cloud Sunday.

In women's play, Humphreys is at Casey and Yongsan at Kunsan Saturday, with Casey at Humphreys and Yongsan at Kunsan Sunday.

Splish & Splash opens for summertime fun



Dare devil dives, sliding splashes and running through the water all marked the opening of Splish & Splash Water Park this past weekend. The water park is open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. though mid-June when the evening hours will be expanded to 8 p.m. Daily cost is \$2 for all military personnel in pay grades E-6 and below, \$3 for all other persons authorized to use MWR facilities and \$4 for guests. — U.S. Army Photos By Mike Mooney



USAG Humphreys commander awards volleyball champions

USAG Humphreys and Area III Commander Col. John E. Dumoulin, Jr. is surrounded by members of the 527th MI and the Area III Co-Ed Volleyball team. The Warriors of 527th captured the Eighth Army Intramural Company-Level title while the Area III team also won the Eighth Army Co-Ed title in Volleyball Playoffs at Camp Carroll. The 527th will keep its trophy in the Unit trophy case while the Co-Ed Trophy will become the first to grace the trophy case at the new "Super Gym" to open later this summer. Dumoulin presented each member of the two teams his personal Coin of Excellence, along with an MWR hat and a Lucky-13 pass for Splish & Splash Water Park. — U.S. Army Photo By Mike Mooney

CSM Keit concludes 32-year Army career at retirement ceremony May 30

by Sgt. Na Kyung-chul
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER – Outgoing United States Army Garrison Daegu Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia A. Keit's retirement ceremony, commemorating the honorable end of her 32-year Army career was held May 30 at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center. Many people from the Daegu community, including Soldiers and Civilians, participated in the event to celebrate her retirement.

The ceremony began with the invocation of USAG Daegu Chaplain (Maj.) Edward Martin, and the Second Republic of Korea Army Band played the national anthems of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

During the ceremony, Keit received awards for her contributions during her service in the Army, including retirement certificates from Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George W. Casey and President George W. Bush, and a Legion of Merit Award from IMCOM Deputy Commanding General, Maj. Gen. John A. MacDonald.

Remarks by her battle buddies, U.S. Army Director for Communications System, J6, U.S. Pacific Command, Brig. Gen. Ronald M. Bouchard and USAG Daegu Commander, Col. Michael P. Saulnier made her eyes moisten with tears.

Command Sgt. Maj. Keit joined the U.S. Army in July 1976. In her remarks, she expressed her thoughts on leaving the army.

"What a great day to be a Soldier," said Keit. "How do you talk about how grateful and blessed you are to have been given the honor and opportunity to serve in the best army and the best armed forces in the world? The United States Army gave me, a small town girl, an opportunity to grow up and see the world and serve my country."

Additionally, she expressed appreciation to all the people she met during her Army service.

"As I look back through the years, I am truly grateful to have provided service to the best nation in the world and I truly thank each of you for toughening up my life and helping to make my Army career such a



U.S. Army Director for Communications System, J6, U.S. Pacific Command, Brig. Gen. Ronald M. Bouchard, Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia A. Keit's battle buddy, pins a retirement badge to her collar during Keit's retirement ceremony held at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center, May 30. Many people participated in the event to celebrate her retirement. — U.S. Army Photos By Na Kyung-chul

successful and fulfilling adventure. I'm sure I will see some of your wonderful faces again in the future."

Keit then said goodbye to each participant and concluded her exemplary Army career.

The day prior to the ceremony, a farewell dinner for Keit was held at Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club.

Many people from Area I, 168th Medical Battalion, Combat Support Coordination Team 2, 36th Signal Battalion, 19th ESC, 501st Sustainment Brigade, Korean organizations and USAG Daegu community members enjoyed dinner together.

A slide presentation of her photos reminded her of the time she had served as USAG Daegu Command Sergeant Major since 2004 and each section and organization presented some gifts to help her remember her last assignment, in Korea.



(From left) Brig. Gen. Ronald M. Bouchard, USAG Daegu Commander, Col. Michael P. Saulnier and outgoing USAG Daegu Command Sergeant Major, Patricia A. Keit salute during the national anthems, played by the Second Republic of Korea Army Band during the ceremony.

USAG Daegu HHC First Sergeant, 1st Sgt. Vance Lea, the color guards, composed of USAG Daegu Soldiers, as leader of the formation for Command Sgt. Maj. Keit's retirement ceremony at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center, May 30.

News & Notes

Waegwan Water Outage

A scheduled water outage in the Waegwan area will affect USAG Daegu personnel residing in the off-post community from 6 a.m., June 6 to 3 a.m., June 3 due to the replacement of a large water main in Gumi. For information, visit USAG Daegu's website at <http://ima.korea.army.mil/arealV/sites/local/> and see the 'Community Alerts Notices' section.

233rd United States Army Birthday Ball

To celebrate the 233rd United States Army Birthday, the Army Ball will be held at 6 p.m., June 14 at the Inter-Burgo Hotel in Daegu. Tickets cost is 40,000 Won. For information, call Spc. Natalie E. Kapteyn at DSN 768-8622.

Ten Miler

2008 Eighth Army Ten Miler will be held June 14 at Camp Casey's Carey Fitness Center. This is the qualifying event for the men's and women's active duty army military teams that will represent eighth army at the army ten miler. Registration will be from 6:30 – 7:15 a.m., course briefing will be 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 7:45 a.m. For information, contact your local sports office or IMCOM-K Sports Director, Thomas E. Higgins at DSN 725-5064.

15KM Loop Race

Camp Carroll's Jewel Fitness Center holds 15KM Loop Race June 28. Registration will be from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m. and the race will start at 8 a.m. For information, call the Camp Carroll Sports Office DSN 765-8287/8118.

Daegu PWOC Summer 2008

Daegu Protestant Women of the Chapel plans some events to enjoy the summertime in Christian fellowship beginning June 10. The meeting will be every Tuesday, 10 a.m. at Camp Walker's Chapel. For information, call Gail Lee at 010-8671-9368.

2ID Needs Vocalists

The Second Infantry Division "Warrior" Band needs male and female vocalists. Soldiers who want to be a vocalist must be able to sing the National Anthem in Bb (starting pitch is an F), the Warrior March and the Army Song, present a professional appearance and meet the standards set by Army Regulation 600-9, obtain the consent of their command to be released to the band before auditioning and have at least nine months left before DEROS. For information, call Staff Sgt. Chad McGill at DSN 732-6695 or 010-5846-6426.

Daegu Website

For local news you can use, visit USAG Daegu's website at <http://ima.korea.army.mil/arealV/sites/local/>

Daegu Soldier selected as IMCOM Korea's top KATUSA

by Jang jin-young
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY—U.S. Army Installation Management Command Korea selected USAG Daegu Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, Cpl. Jo Sang-ho, as the 2008 IMCOM Korea Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldier of the Year.

The 2008 IMCOM-Korea Non-Commissioned Officer, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year "Best Warrior" competition was held at Camp Casey May 12. The competition to select the most outstanding NCO, Soldier and KATUSA lasted for four days. Competitors included four NCOs, four Soldiers and four KATUSA Soldiers from each U.S. Army Garrison area in Korea.

The four-day event assessed competitors' depth of knowledge in area such as U.S. Army history and military bearing.

Soldiers were also tested on leadership, physical and hands-on abilities in areas such as the Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation, Warrior Task Training as well as a written test and an oral board appearance.

Jo competed against three other KATUSA Soldiers from USAG Yongsan, USAG Humphreys and USAG Red Cloud during the IMCOM Korea KATUSA competition. He recorded the fastest time during the 2-mile run event portion of the IMCOM Korea NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year competition. He scored 297 out of 300 on the Army Physical Fitness Test and he achieved perfect scores in the written exam and land navigation. He ranked second in weapon qualification and Warrior Task

Training, receiving 35 out of 40 and 140 out of 150 points respectively.

Jo was selected as the KATUSA of the Month in March and the KATUSA of the Quarter in April at USAG Daegu. He advanced to the Area IV KATUSA of the Year competition as the next step. Winning Area IV KATUSA of the Year, he was eligible for the 2008 IMCOM Korea NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year competition.

He had little interest in the board the first time, but DPTMS, Master Sgt. Micaela Hickman, his supervisor, recommended that he apply for the USAG Daegu NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year competition.

"No KATUSA won the IMCOM-K KATUSA of the Year before Cpl. Jo," said Hickman. "One KATUSA advanced to the IMCOM-K KATUSA of the Year competition, but he didn't win. During the initial counseling, I told Jo it was something he could achieve to distinguish himself from the rest of the KATUSA Soldiers."

To prepare for the IMCOM-K KATUSA of the Year competition, Jo went to the Fit-to-Win center on Camp Henry and spent more than one hour training every day. His fellow NCOs also helped him prepare for the board. They were willing to spend their time to conduct a mock interview in readiness for an Oral Board appearance, by asking him general questions.

"I want to say thanks to my supervisor and fellow NCOs," said Jo. "The most difficult thing was the language barrier. I'm not so good at English, so every time I went to the board I needed to ask board members, 'Could you repeat the question?' In that way, mock interviews with fellow NCOs helped me overcome the language barrier a little bit. I couldn't win the 2008

IMCOM-K KATUSA of the Year without their help. I am so happy I can repay them for their help by winning."

An award and recognition ceremony is scheduled for June 19 to honor this year's IMCOM-K region winners. Before that ceremony, Jo will take part in the 8th Army NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year "Best Warrior" Competition as IMCOM Korea's representative, June 2-6.

"I didn't expect to win, and I don't still believe that I am the 2008 IMCOM-K KATUSA of the Year," said Jo. "Now, my next goal is to win the Eighth Army KATUSA of the Year. I will do my best to obtain satisfactory results at the Eighth Army KATUSA of the Year competition."



Cpl. Jo Sang-ho, representing USAG Daegu, was selected as IMCOM-Korea's top KATUSA. — U.S. Army Photo By Jang Jin-young

Cooking Class provides an opportunity to experience Korea

by Pfc. Brittany N. Loupe
19th ESC Public Affairs

DAEGU—On a bright Saturday morning, Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians traveled to Daegu Health College to enjoy a Korean cooking class as part of the 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Good Neighbor Program, May 17.

Dr. Kim Deok-hee, a professor at the college, began the class by teaching the recipe for bulgogi (a Korean-style way to prepare beef) and demonstrated how to make the

dish once the ingredients were cooked. After the instructions were complete, everyone was placed into separate groups of three to four Americans and one Korean student, and each group prepared the dish on their own.

"I thought it was a great class," said 19th ESC Training Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge, Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Armstead. "I loved how the instructor had the ingredients there and ready for us and the recipe. Although she wrote it in Hangul, it was easy to find a Korean student to help translate it."

To add some spice to the class, the

cooking was turned into a competition. The top three teams with the best-tasting bulgogi and the best presentation won prizes.

"I am very competitive so I knew I had to win," said 19th ESC Provost Marshal Sales Operations Non-Commissioned Officer, Sgt. 1st Class Tracey Chappell.

Chappell and Armstead, who were on the same team, were chosen as the best in the competition.

"I wasn't looking to win so the fact that we did win was awesome," said Armstead.

Once the cooking was over, everyone on the trip was invited to enjoy an art exhibit in the Daegu Arts Center and a martial arts demonstration. The group which performed the martial arts consisted entirely of students currently attending Daegu Health College.

"The martial arts demonstration was my favorite. It was very interesting," said Chappell.

This Good Neighbor Program is held once a year and anyone can sign up at the 19th ESC Community Relations Office.

"The class was cool, they should do the class more than once a year," said Chappell.

Both Chappell and Armstead said they would recommend this class to other Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians because it was very educational, as well as fun.

This class, like many other classes that the 19th ESC GNP hosts, is a great way to get involved in the community and get to know the culture and lifestyle of our host nation.

To get information about GNP events, please contact Mr. No Won-hyun at DSN 768-7477.



19th ESC Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Tracey Chappell (seated left), Sgt 1st Class John Oyerbides and Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Armstead, listen diligently as Daegu Health College professor, Kim Deok-hee explains how to prepare bulgogi at a Korean cooking class, May 17. — U.S. Army Photo By Pfc. Brittany N. Loupe

501st Sustainment Brigade celebrates Organization Day



The Soldiers of 501st Sustainment Brigade and its subordinate units embark on the 3 kilometer brigade run as part of 501st SBDE Organization Day at Camp Carroll, May 30. Various sports competitions and entertaining performances by Korean and American musicians followed throughout the day. — U.S. Army Photo By Sgt. Natalie E. Kapteyn

by Sgt. Jang Won-il
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP CARROLL – Battalions and companies within 501st Sustainment Brigade all around the Korean peninsula gathered at Camp Carroll to celebrate the unit's Organization Day on May 30.

The history of 501st SBDE began with the activation of the 501st Quartermaster Battalion in England in 1944. On Feb. 20,

1950, the unit joined the Eighth United States Army in Korea. For its action in the Korean War, the 501st earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation, a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation and campaign participation streamers for the second Korean Winter, Korean Summer-Fall 1952, Third Korean Winter, and Korean Summer 1953.

Units participating in the day's event were the 501st Special Troops Battalion,

194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 498th CSSB, 6th Ordnance Battalion, 25th Transportation Battalion and 94th Military Police Battalion, which all fall under the 501st SBDE. "Seeing all these units from around the peninsula is breathtaking. This is not something you would expect from your everyday Army life here in Waegwan," said 501st SBDE Chapel Assistant, Pfc. Sung Ha-won.

The day's event kicked off with congratulatory remarks from 501st SBDE Commander, Col. Mark C. Gardener. After the opening ceremony, the units went on for a 3km brigade run.

"It was an awesome experience," said 188th Military Police Sgt. Kim Ho-kyung. "So many people running together surely brought up morale and motivation. I'm proud of being part of such a great unit."

Various sports competitions including bowling, basketball, combatives, pool, table tennis, softball, volleyball and racquetball followed throughout the day. During the single-elimination tournaments, Soldier-athletes fought valiantly to represent their units in front of the whole brigade.

After the games were over, the Soldiers gathered around the stage which was set up beside the brigade headquarters building for an entertaining concert featuring Korean musician Sung Eun, instrumental group Musical J and American artists, the Blue Frog Group. The sensational performances heightened enjoyment and served as morale boosters for the Soldiers.

The unit did not forget to recognize the honored guests who have supported the unit during past years and also helped organize the day's event. Entertainers and honored guests all received commemorative coins or certificates of appreciation. The celebration closed with a sports award ceremony, and Soldiers remained into the evening to clean up.

Daegu community recognizes efforts of Asian Pacific Americans

by Sgt. Na Kyung-chul
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER – Asian Pacific Americans have been a part of America's success, continuing the country's efforts to move forward and shape its history.

To commemorate those contributions, Soldiers and Civilians gathered at Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club, May 30 to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The celebration started with a proclamation by 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Chaplain Assistant, Staff Sgt. Elmer Rojas.

"A great painting has not one single color, but many – rich, vibrant, and deep."

Maj. Lawrence F. Camacho

of cultures which our society enjoys, and harmony refers to accord in feeling or action. These three elements made America's success possible.

501st Sustainment Brigade Maintenance Officer, Maj. Lawrence F. Camacho, the celebration's guest speaker, compared American culture to a painting in his speech.

"A great painting has not one single color, but many – rich, vibrant and deep," said Camacho. "America recognizes that the spirit for which it exists is found in the

heart of its diverse nature. Our nation understands that the combination of this cultural collection is the reason for its might."

A Hawaiian

"Today, Asian Pacific Americans are one of the fastest growing segments of our population," said Rojas. "Asian Pacific Americans bring to our society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions. Whether in government, business, science, technology or the arts, Asian Pacific Americans have added immeasurably to the prosperity and vitality of our society."

The theme for this year's celebration is 'Leadership, Diversity, Harmony – Gateway to Success.' Leadership is the process of influencing others, taking responsibility, developing and consequently leaving behind a legacy for the future outlook of an organization and for society. Diversity is the beneficial byproduct of a vast mixture

traditional Hula dance performed by 19th ESC Automated Logistical Specialist, Pfc. Ashley Wilgus, Pfc. Sessa Duenas and Joanne Ongjock, and a variety of Asian foods proved to be appealing examples of Asian Pacific American heritage.

Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate Asian American Heritage Week during the first week of May, and to celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander descendants in the United States. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: The arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Trans-Continental Railroad by many Chinese laborers on



May 10, 1869. Congress later voted to expand it from a week-long to a month-long celebration.

(Above) (from left) Pfc. Sessa Duenas, Pfc. Ashley Wilgus and Joanne Ongjock performs a Hawaiian traditional Hula dance during the Asian Pacific Americans Heritage Month Celebration May 30 at Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club.

(Right) 19th ESC Deputy Commander, Col. Richard Hatch presents a certificate to 501st SBD Maintenance Officer, Maj. Lawrence F. Camacho in appreciation of his speech. — U.S. Army Photos By Sgt. Na Kyung-chul



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“오늘 행사는 아태 지역 문화의 달을 맞아 아태 지역 문화의 우수성을 널리 알리는 차원에서 마련되었습니다. 아태 지역 출신의 우수 인재들이 미국의 발전을 위해 세운 공로는 새삼 강조할 필요가 없을 정도이며 미국의 주요 이념 중 하나인 ‘다양성 추구’에도 큰 몫을 하고 있습니다.”

- 2008년 아태 지역 문화의 달을 맞아 미 대통령이 발표한 선언문 중

제 1 정보 통신 여단은 5월 31일 캠프 코이너에서 ‘아태 지역 문화의 달’을 맞아 행사를 열었다. 올해의 주제는 “리더쉽, 문화의 공존과 화합-성공을 향해” (Leadership, Diversity, Harmony - Gateway to Success)로 200명 이상이 행사에 참석하였다.

제 1 정보 통신 여단의 샤론 힐 (Sharon Hill) 1등 상사는 “오늘 행사는 아태 지역 문화를 접해보지 못한 인원들에게 다른 문화를 접해 볼 수 있는 좋은 기회가 될 것이라고 생각합니다”라고 말했다.

행사중에는 수작업으로 만든 조각품이 전시되는가하면 아태 지역 관광 명소에 관한 정보를 담은 브로셔를 나눠주기도 했다. 또한 필리핀, 베트남, 한국, 사모아 전통 음식을 시식할 수 있는 시간도 있었다. 사모아 전통 방식으로 구운 돼지 고기는 단연 이날 최고의 인기 메뉴였다.

제 1정보 통신 여단 소속 마이클 매덕스 대위는 (Michael Maddox) “오늘 가족들과 함께 매우 즐거운 시간을 보냈습니다. 이런 행사를 통해 타문화를 접할 수 있어 좋은 것 같습니다”라고 소감을 밝혔다.

행사에는 안성국악원장인 유청자씨와 무용인들이 초청되어 안성 향당무를 선보이기도 했다. 유청자씨는 공연을 마친 후 “한국의 전통을 외국 사람들에게 알릴 수 있어 너무 좋다”고 말했다.

서울 미국 고등학교 소속 학생들은 필리핀 전통 무용인 ‘팅클링 밤부 춤’ (Tinkling bamboo stick dance)을 선보였고 서울 미국 초등학교 학생들은 우리의 발걸음을 연상케 하는 ‘이틱 이틱’ 스텝 댄스를 (Itik-Itik steps) 선보였다.



아태 지역 문화의 달 페스티벌에 온 사람들에게 그라운드 사모안 스타일로 구워진 돼지 바베큐는 단연 최고의 인기 메뉴였다. 사진 제공 - 상병 임진민

그 이외에도 ‘빛과 춤’이라 불리는 필리핀 전통 무용인 ‘판단고 사 일라우’ (Pandango Sa Ilaw)는 탄성을 자아내게 하였다. 아이들은 다양한 놀이를 즐기며 재밌는 시간을 보냈다.

필리핀 전통 무용을 춘 엘라 카티토씨는 (Ella Catineau) 이 행사를 위해 3주간 연습을 하고 의상은 직접 만들었다고 말했다. 아울러 “전통 음식을 준비하느라고 잠까지 설치습니다. 행사 참여자들에게

필리핀의 전통을 알리고 가무를 즐기는 민족이라는 것을 알리고 싶었습니다”라고 밝혔다.

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서울 미국 초등학교, 자원봉사자들에게 감사의 뜻 전해

일병 이민희
용산기지 사령부 공보실

5월 29일 서울 미국 초등학교는 100여 명의 자원 봉사자들에게 감사를 표하기 위한 행사를 가졌다.

이 행사는 매년 행해지는 것으로 1년 동안 학생들과 교사들을 위해 헌신을 다한 자원 봉사자들의 노고를 인정하고 기리는 뜻에서 열린다. 이날 참석한 자원 봉사자들은 모두 감사장과 노란색 장미, 그리고 감사패를 받았다.

올해 행사의 주제는 “자원 봉사자들의 소중함”이었다.

도나 각마스키 (Donna Kacmarski) 교장은 자원 봉사자들의 소중함을 강조하는 말로 행사의 시작을 알렸다.

각마스키 교장은 “자원 봉사자들이 없는 서울 미국 초등학교는 생각할 수 없습니다”라고 말하며 봉사를 자청한 지역 사회원들에게 감사를 표하였다.

자원 봉사자들의 대부분은 학부형, 부대 관계자와 학교 학생들로 구성된다.

“힐러리 클링턴이 말한것 처럼, 학생을 올바르게 키우기 위해서는 모두가 협력해 좋은 환경을 제공해 주어야 한다고 생각합니다. 서울 미국 초등학교 이 모든 것이 자원 봉사자들의 헌신 없이는 불가능한 일이라는 것을 강조하고 싶습니다”라고 각마스키 교장은 말했다.

자원 봉사자 431명은 학교 교실, 도서관, 식당에서 일을 하며 학교 행사 및 방학 동안에도 근무를 하고 있다.

조아니 라스무센 (Joanie Rasmussen) 유치원 교사는 13년간 자원 봉사자들에게 많은 부분 의지를 해왔다고 밝혔다. “유치원에서 일을 하다보면 자원 봉사



파멜라 바이드씨가 서울 미국 초등학교 카페테리아에서 봉사자들의 노고를 표하는 행사에서 노래를 부르고 있다. 사진 제공 - 일병 이민희

자들의 도움 없이는 할 수 없는 일이 매우 많습니다”라고 그녀는 말했다.

이렇듯 매일같이 학교를 위해 봉사를 하는 사람들 중에는 트레이시 우드콕씨도 (Tracey Woodcock) 있다. 우드콕씨는 신입생 환영회를 비롯하여 학교 관계자들을 위한 여타 행사를 총괄한다.

우드콕씨는 “자원 봉사를 하며 많은 보람을 느낍니다. 학교에서 일을 하며 교사와 학생들은 물론 학부형들과도 가까워 질 수 있었습니다. 학교측과 밀접한 관계를 유지하다보니 많은 것을 바꿀 수도 있는 위치에도 서 보았습니다. 학교를 다니는 학생을 둔 부모로서 학교를 발전시키는데 기여를 할 수 있다는 것은 매

우 뜻 깊은 일인 것 같습니다”라고 소감을 밝혔다.

자원 봉사에 관심이 있다면 736-4613 (서울 미국 초등학교) 으로 전화를 하면 된다.

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